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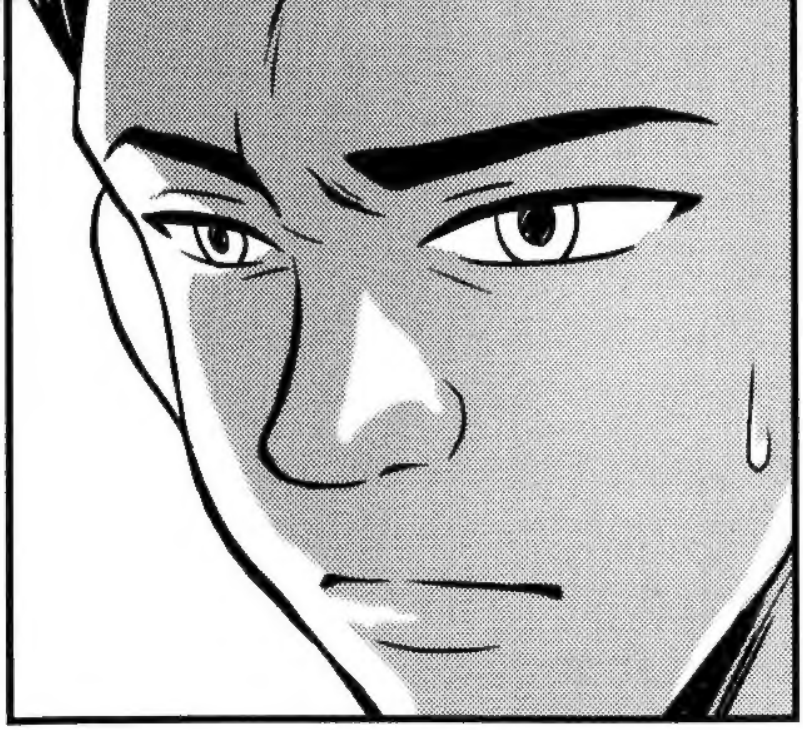

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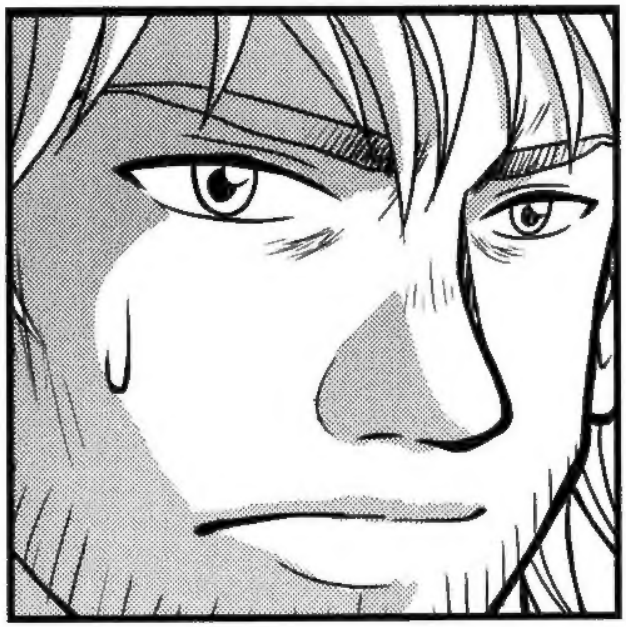
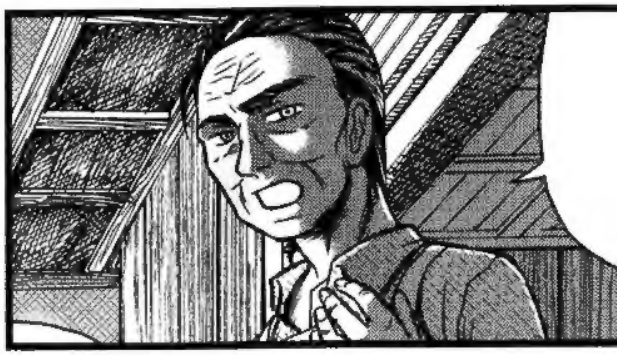
ROBIN
Hopes to start a manufacturing company with Daniel, but is conflicted about the exploitation of labor for profit.

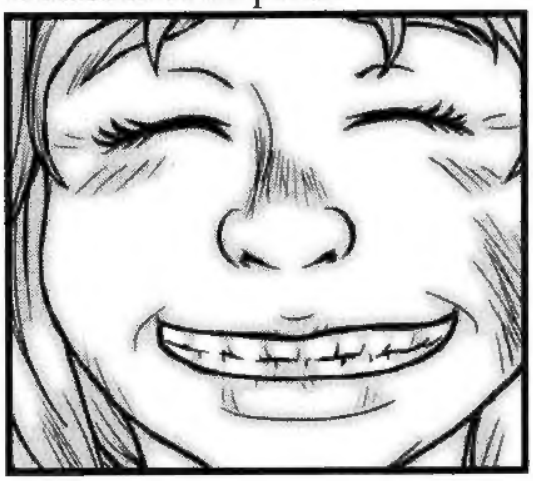


CARL
A laborer who works in the factory. Questions the harsh working conditions enforced by capitalists.

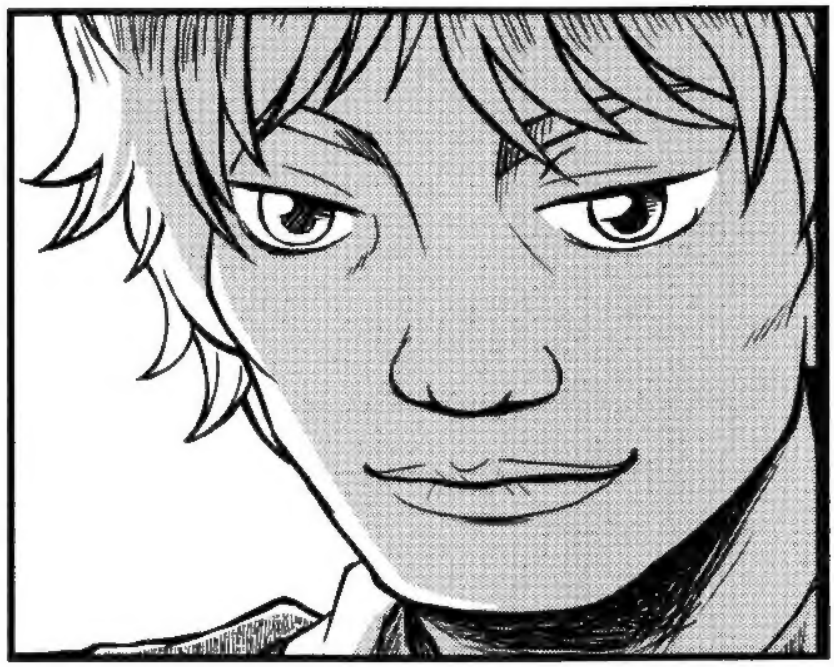
CHARACTER PROFILES



HEINRICH
Robin's father, who values the living conditions of his peers.



HELENA
Robin's childhood friend, who works to support her family.



DANIEL

A capitalist who's known as the "super-rookie" within the investment industry. Calmly employs strategies and tactics to manipulate people like chess pieces.

OVERSEER

Harshly oversees the factory workers.

ANNIE

The heiress of Ote Bank. Robin's love interest.

Under capitalism, society becomes one of the ***largest accumulators of commodities.***

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Overproduction of Capital

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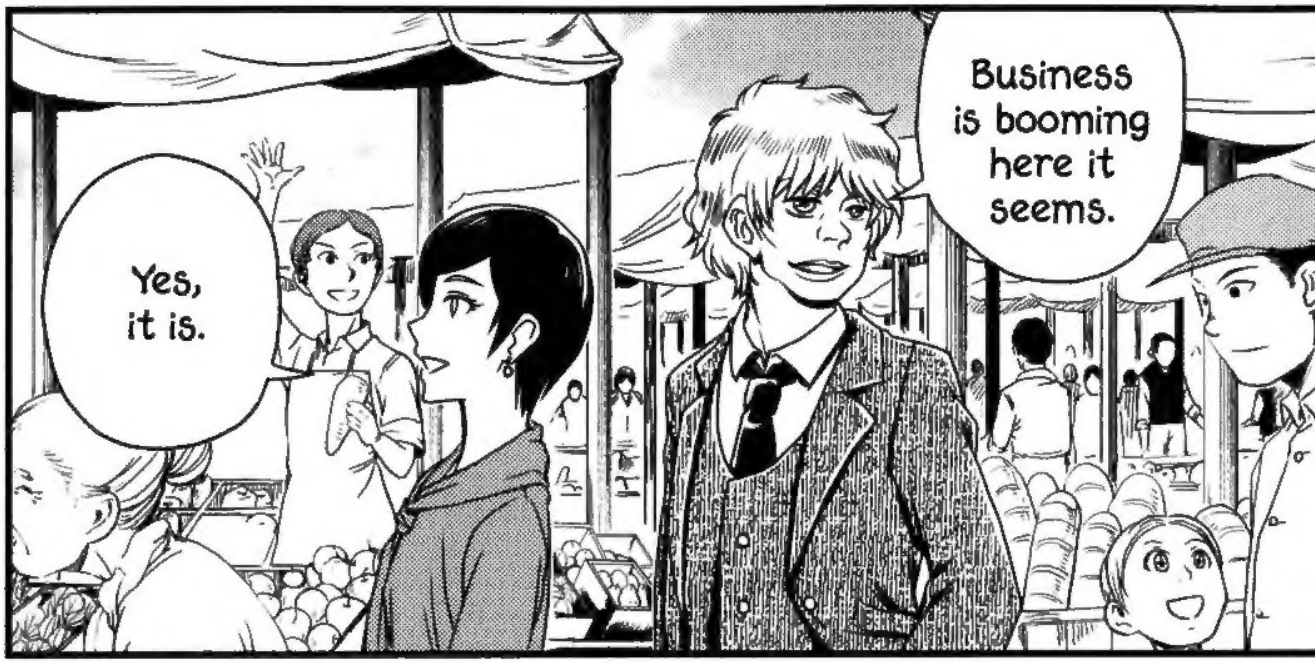
Oh, dear.


Yes, it is.
Business is booming here it seems.

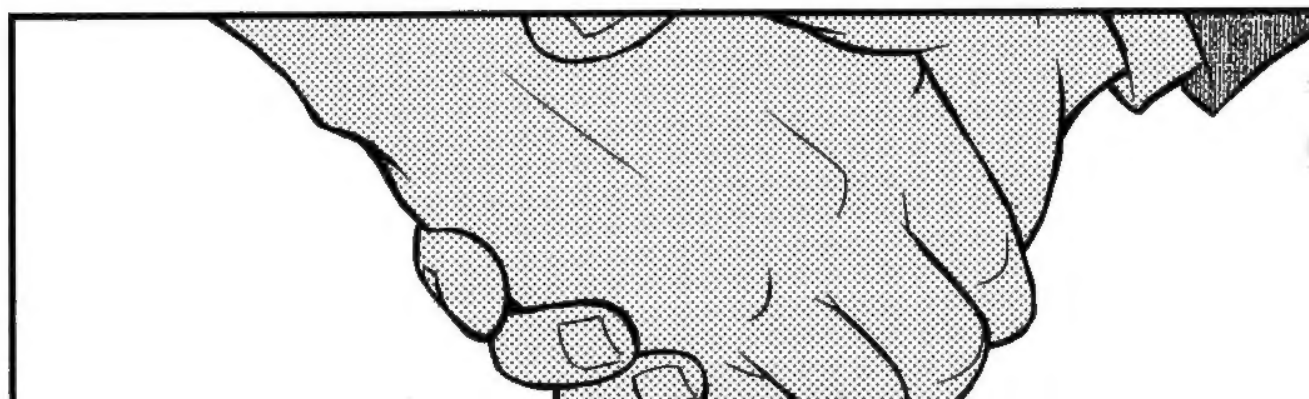
Hello there.

Same here.
Thank you very much.

M-Miss Annie!
H-Hello ...
I see you're busy as usual.
Is there any cheese left?
Y-Yes, of course!
That's great.
...

...
He's called the super-rookie of the investment world.
This is Daniel.

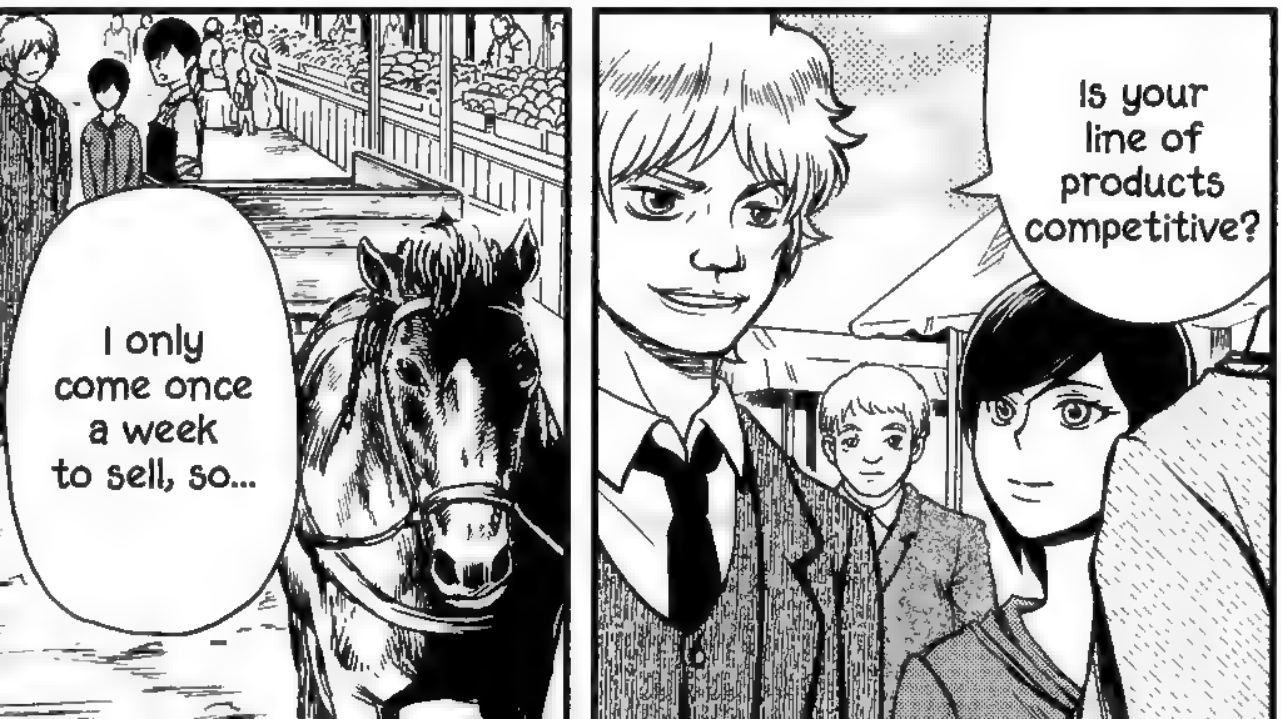
Yes...
Nice to meet you.
... correct?
You are Robin...
Hello. I am indeed the investment industry's super-rookie, Daniel.



Annie kept raving about your cheese.
May I try some?
Yes, of course.
Pecorino cheese, huh. The salt seasoning is very nice.
Didn't I tell you?
Gorgon-zola comes from cow's milk, correct?
Do you also raise cows?
Yes. Both cows and goats.
You seem to know your cheese, Daniel.
A good investor must have a wide-range antenna.

Oh! I set yours aside, Annie!
Sold out?
No. The others are sold out.
You only carry two kinds?
...
Thank goodness.
フフ… CHUCKLE
I thought you might stop by.

There are several cheese stores nearby.
If you go one block, there are even more...
Yet yours seems the most popular.


Is your line of products competitive?
I only come once a week to sell, so...

Stop joking around, Daniel.
Are you referring to the cheese or Robin?
I wish you would come more often.
...
Ha ha ...
I'm sorry, Robin.
Um. Excuse me...
Sorry. I'm almost done.

IF THERE ARE COWS AND GOATS, THERE'S CHEESE, MILK, WOOL, AND MEAT.
NOT BAD.

I would love to see it as well!

May I visit your factory sometime?
What?

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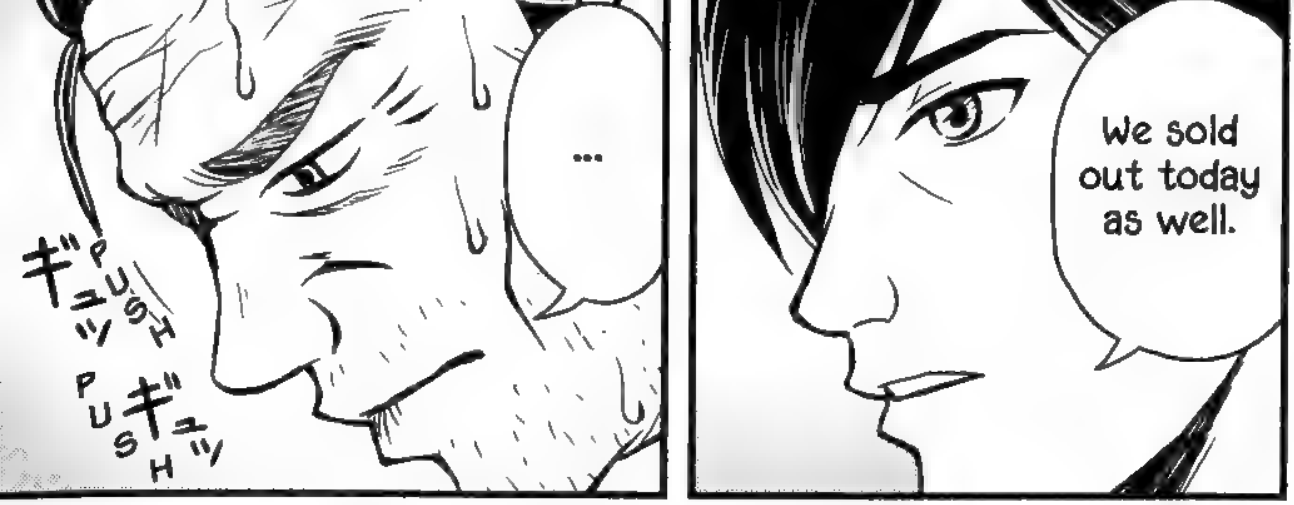
ギュッ
PUSH

I'm back.


...
ギュッ PUSH
ギュッ PUSH
We sold out today as well.

Go put mold on the Camembert.
So why don't we buy more goats and cows?
We have money and business is doing well.

Excuse me. I'd like some cheese.
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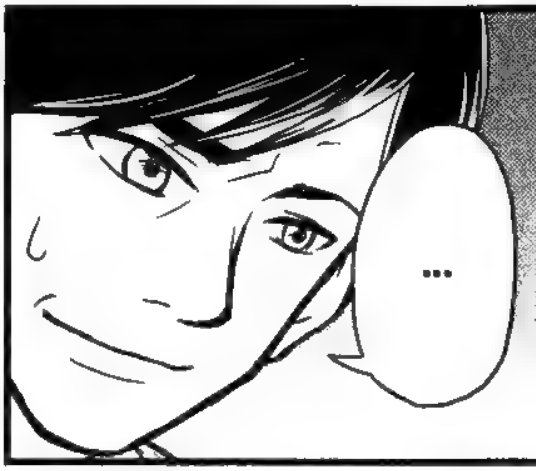
ギュッ PUSH

...

Today's tomatoes are very sweet.
Here you are.

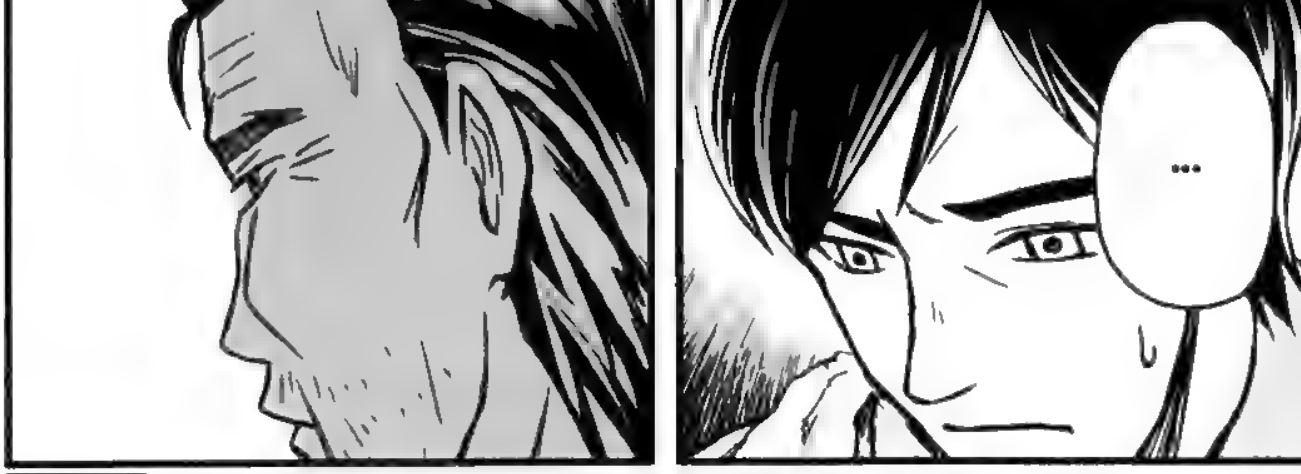
As for the payment ...


...

Your tomatoes are really the best.
Thank you as always.
I'm sorry, Granny. You need to pay for...

Don't worry about the payment.
You may pay when you are able.

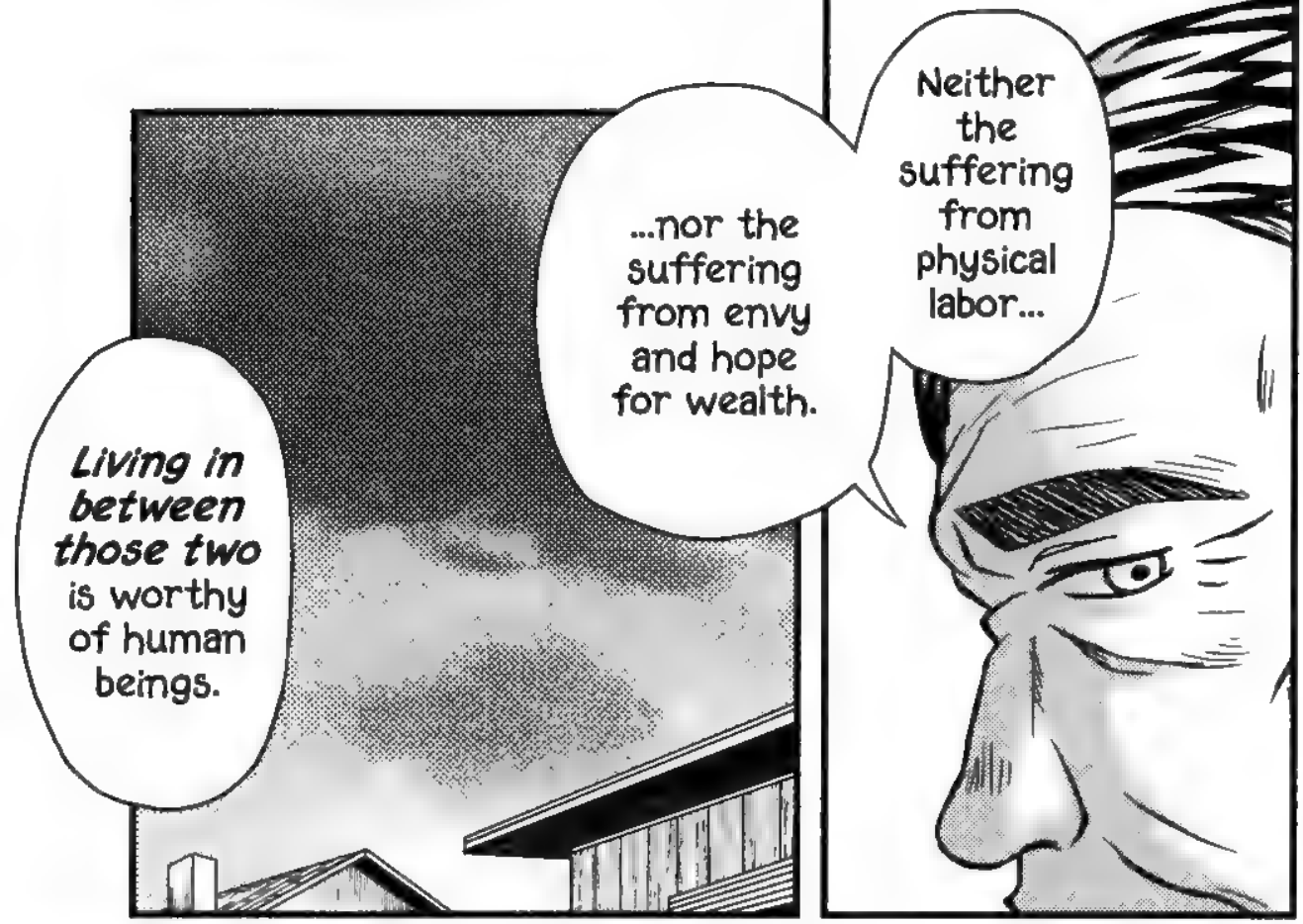
Robin.
Do you know how money is made?
Father...



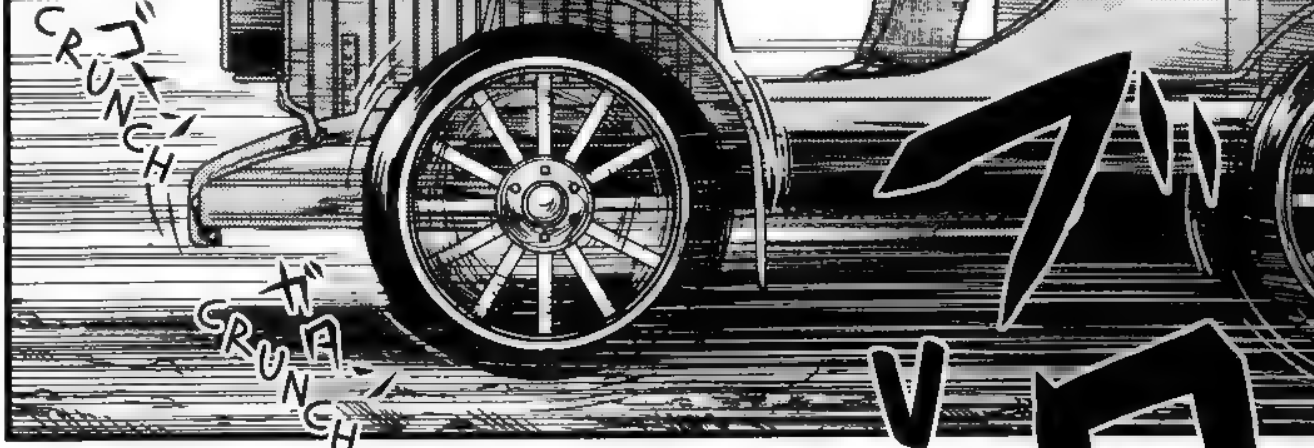
Keyword: *Abstract Human Labor* – How much labor/effort is put into a product.

The amount of paper and coins from that time and labor...
That is money.
The amount of time and labor she spent on the tomatoes.
The amount and time and labor we spent on our cheese.
Don't we need a lot of things besides tomatoes?!
...
I'm tired of that explanation.

If we had money, Mother...!
Besides!
...still be alive.
...
Mother might...


Neither the suffering from physical labor...
...nor the suffering from envy and hope for wealth.
Living in between those two is worthy of human beings.

That was your mother's wish.
Clean up the rest.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CRUNCH

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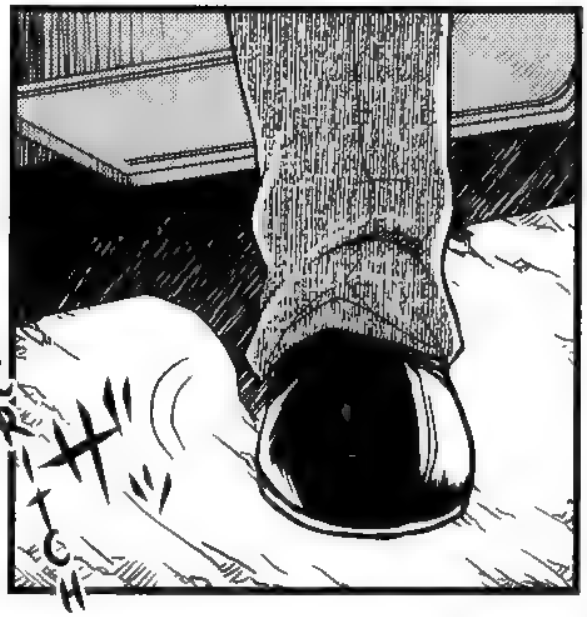
MOOO
SCREECH


SCRITCH

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Mister Daniel!
Miss Annie!
Hello, Robin.

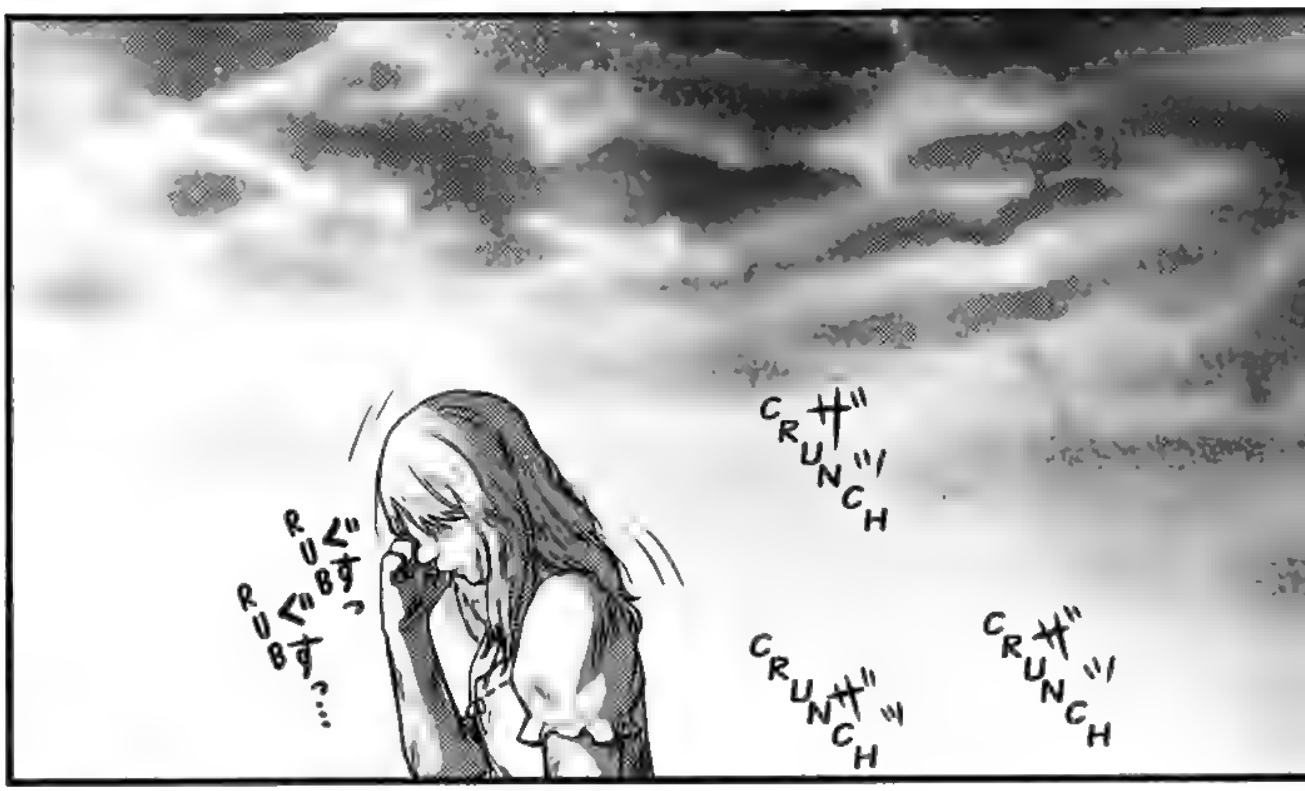
Yes.
Is this the factory?
I'm sorry.
It's quite far.

This is my father, Heinrich.
Father. People have come to see our factory.
Father...
It's a pleasure to meet you. I'm...
Outsiders are not permitted to come inside.
...

This is where those cheeses were produced.
Oh, my.
...
Father. This is Annie.
She is a frequent customer in town.
Yes. The living conditions there were poor.
Are you perhaps Dutch?
The name Heinrich...

From various places.
Where did you learn to produce your cheese?
You didn't come here just to visit, right?
...
?

CRUNCH
CRUNCH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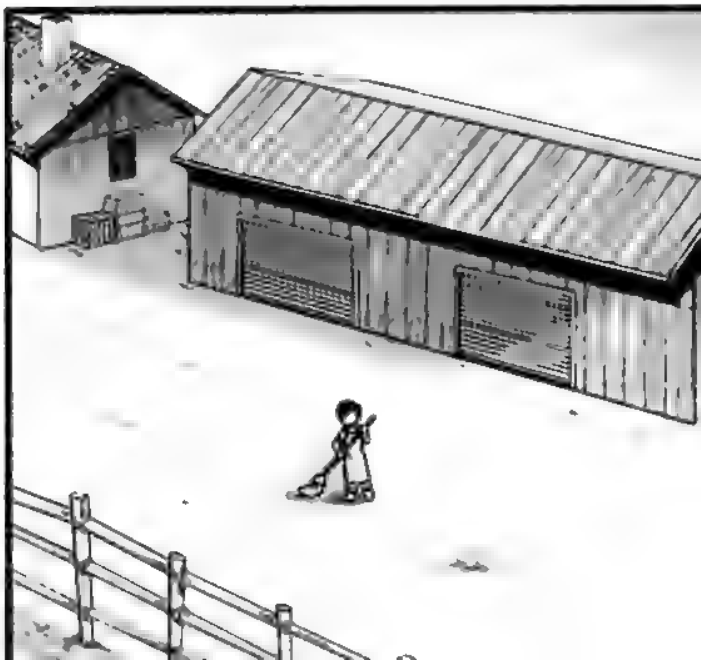
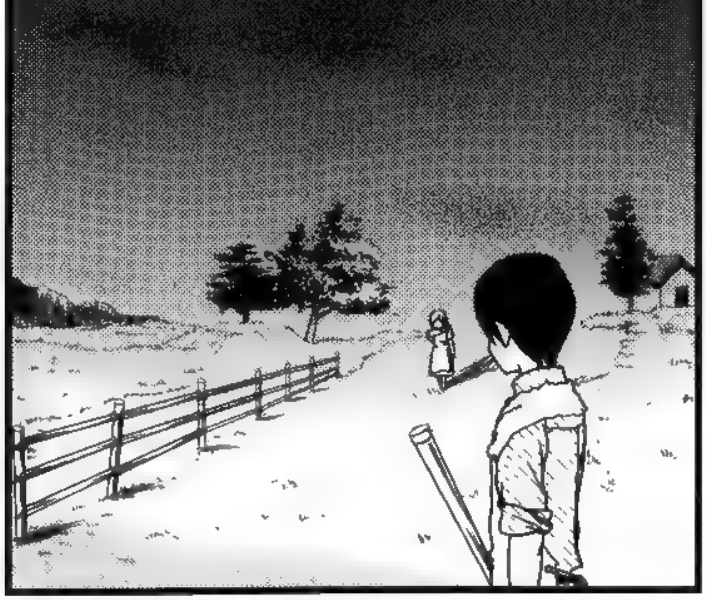
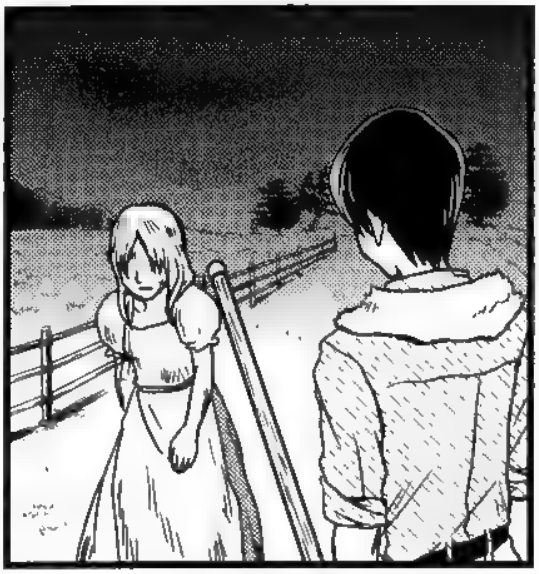
RUBす…

Phew.

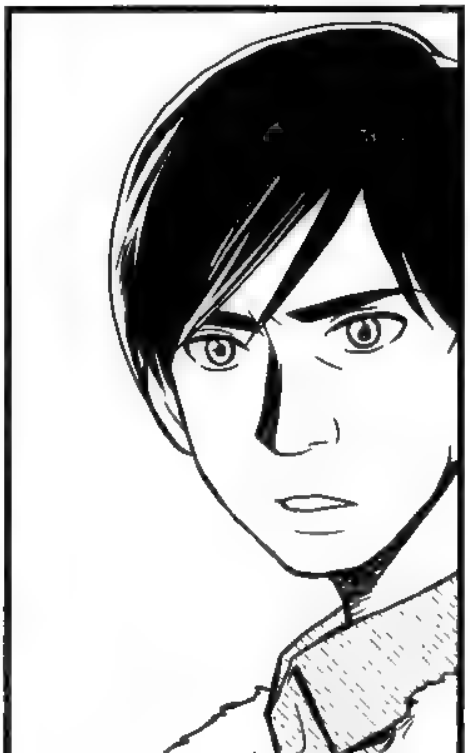




Hey, Helena!



Helena?



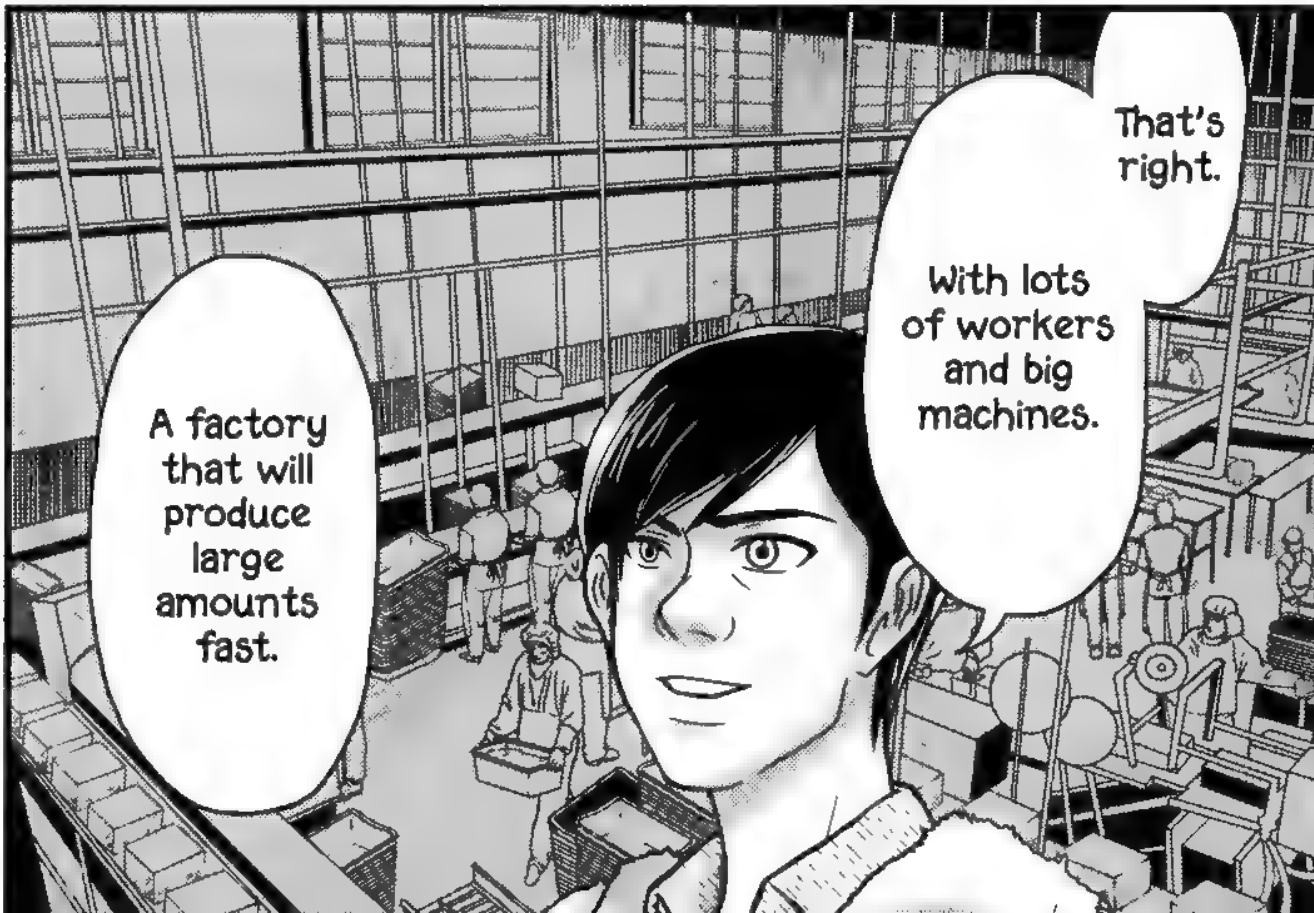
Were you working in the fields again?
Oh. Robi...
Yeah...
Well. Something like that.
I guess I'm really tired...
...

Laundry? What about your mother?
There's laundry to do once I get back.
How trouble-some.
She's injured?!
She hurt her hip.
It's fine. I'll manage.
How have you been, Robi?
Oh, right. I made friends with an investor.
Investor?

...proposed that we open a cheese factory.
Yeah. He also...

A bigger one?

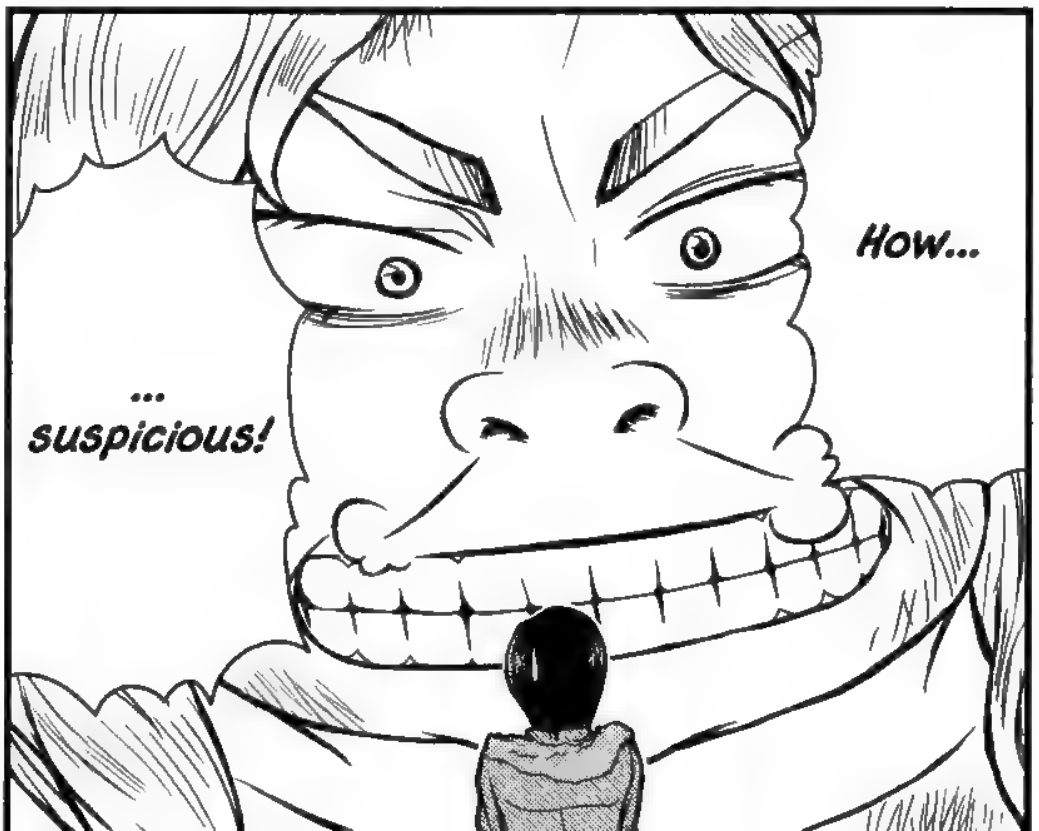
A bigger one.
Don't you have one already?

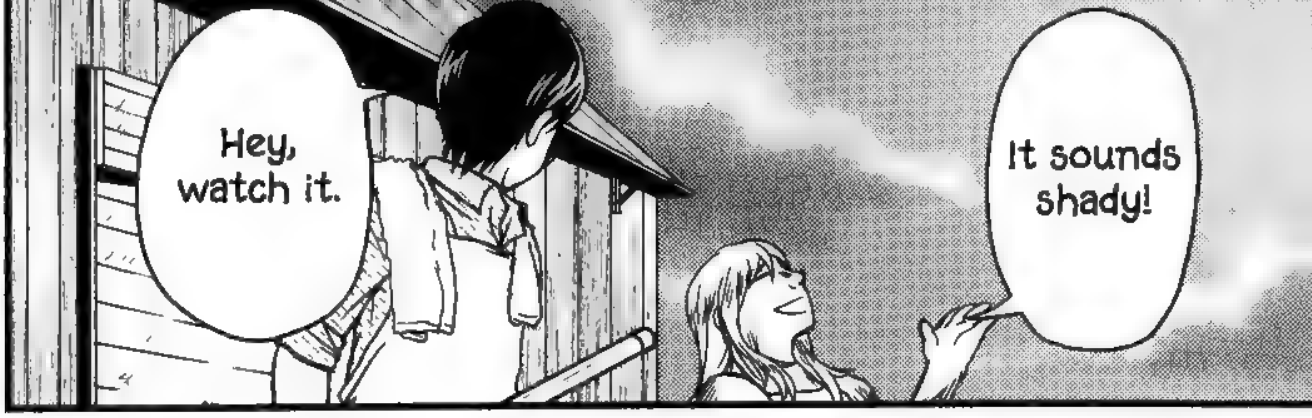

A factory that will produce large amounts fast.
With lots of workers and big machines.
That's right.

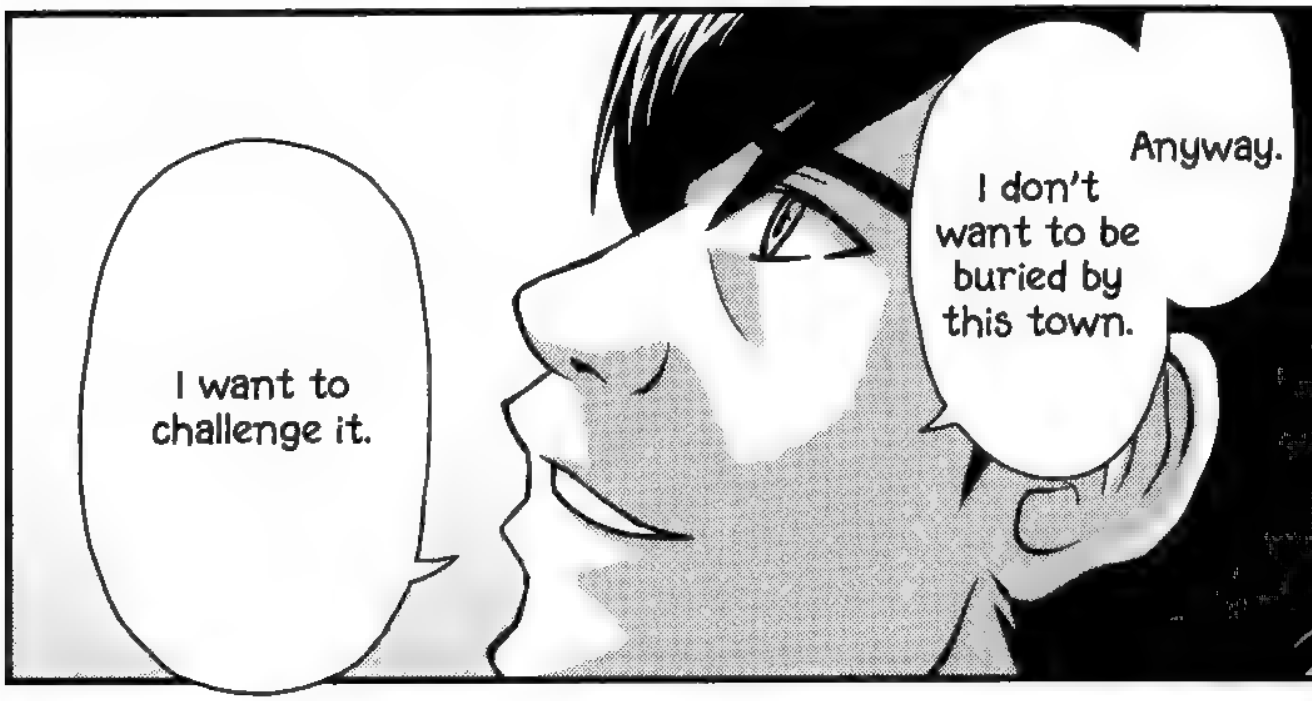
Looks like it.
That investor wants to invest?
Yeah.
You mean your family's cheese?

Ha ha...
Really?! Then, can you hire my dad and brother?!

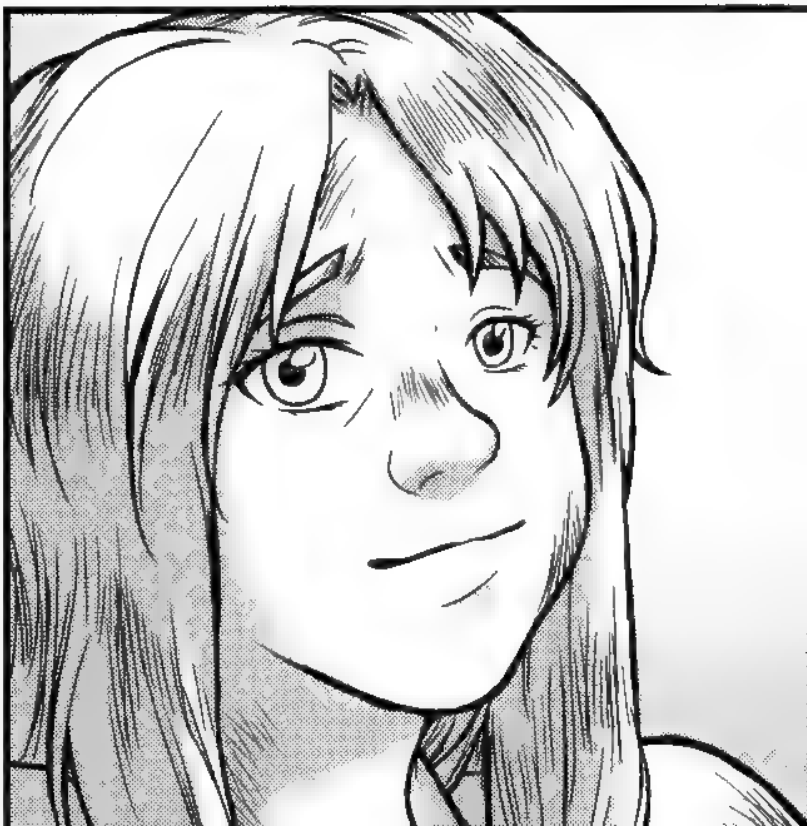
LOOM
I guess.
So, then. You'll be a boss?


...suspicious!
HOW...

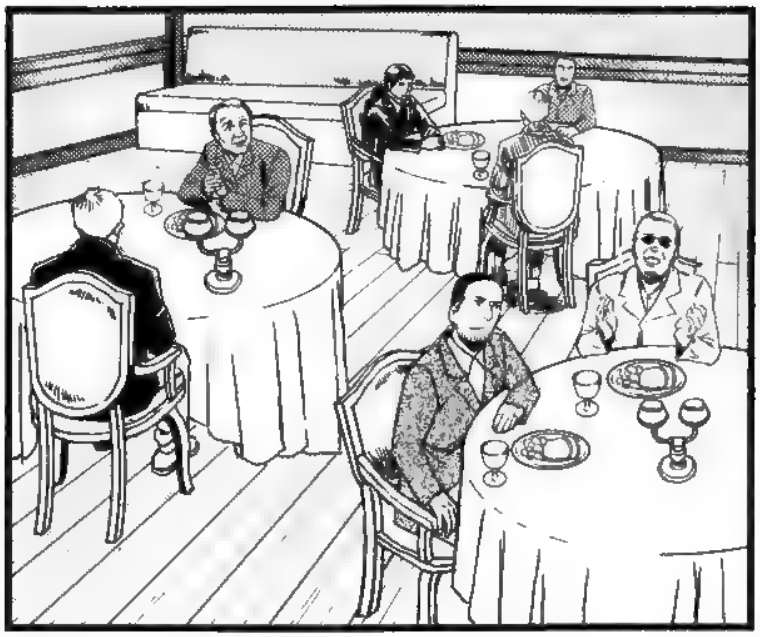

Hey, watch it.
It sounds shady!

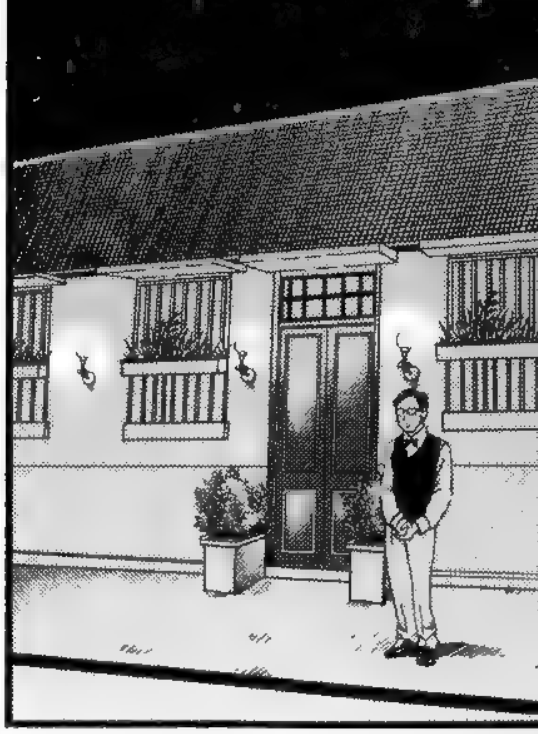

I want to challenge it.
Anyway. I don't want to be buried by this town.

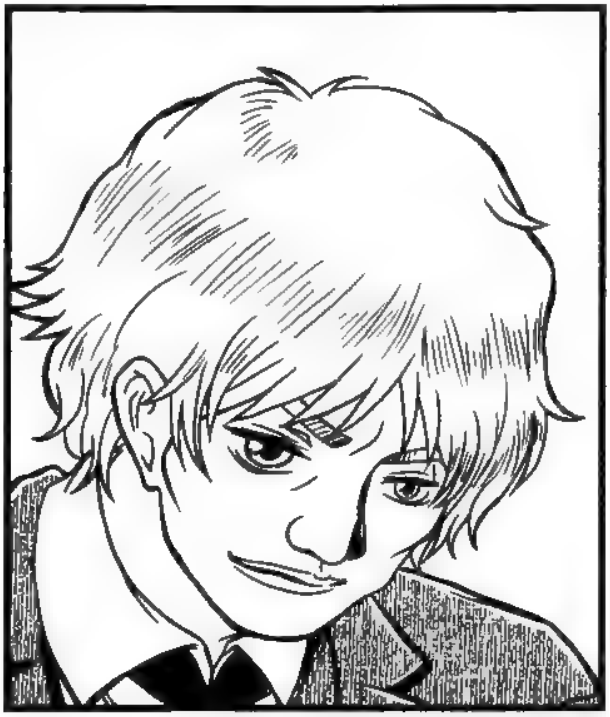
Oh. OK...
OK, well. I've got laundry, so...



Ha ha.
Sure, sure.
Don't forget our promise as kids.
If your factory succeeds, I'll let you marry me!



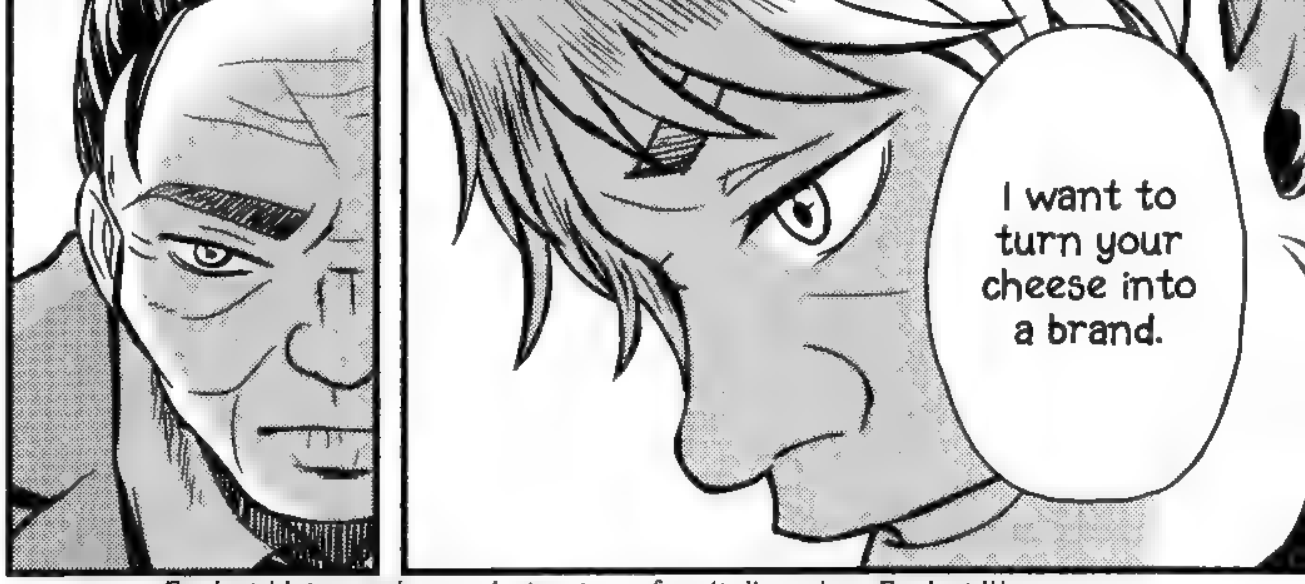




I refuse!

I do!
I don't think it's a bad idea.

Ha ha ha.
I refuse to be manipulated by you investors!
Your wish is to provide our cheese to the world?
Don't make me laugh.
...
Father!
Tell me the truth!



Keyword: *Product Metamorphose* — A structure of capitalism where Product W becomes Currency G and back to Product W repeatedly in a cycle.

Will it be profit-able?
Let's go, Robin.
...
Robin! Did you forget your mother's words?!
Yes... It will.
...

By the way... what was your father talking about?
VROOOOOM

VROOOOM

My mother's last will.

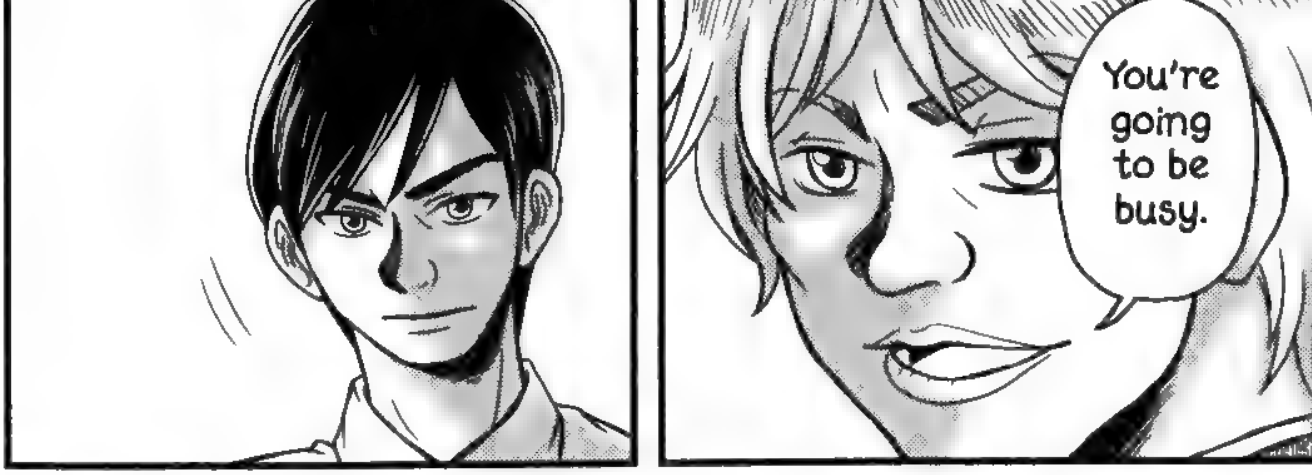
Hmm...
Living in the middle is suitable for human beings.

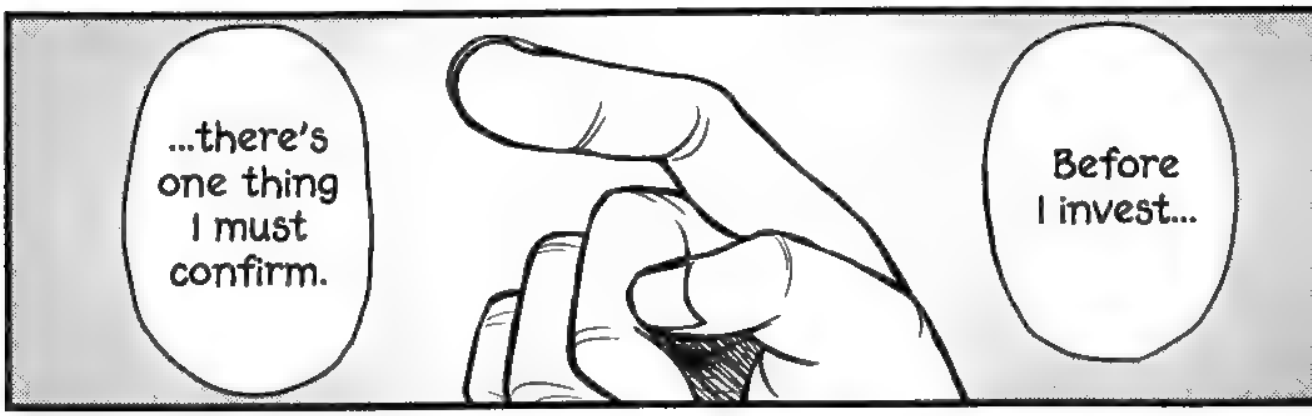
She could have seen a good doctor and bought good medicine.
But having money could have helped her.

Yes... My father may also fall ill one day.
Is that why you agreed to my proposi-tion?
If you had money, she could have been saved.

We're here.
VROOOOM
I see.
It's so huge!
That's the factory.
No. The one next to it.

...and test you.
I'll watch at first...
First, we'll equip it with machinery to mass produce the cheese.
Then train workers to use the equipment.
And choose livestock.
There's much to do.


You're going to be busy.


Before I invest...
...there's one thing I must confirm.

Your motive for agreeing to my proposition.
Care to tell me the *real* reason?

I want to become rich.

...
...
Heh heh heh. Such frightening words...
?
What is that?
A simple reason is fine.
Well, then. Please sign this.
It's a guarantee.

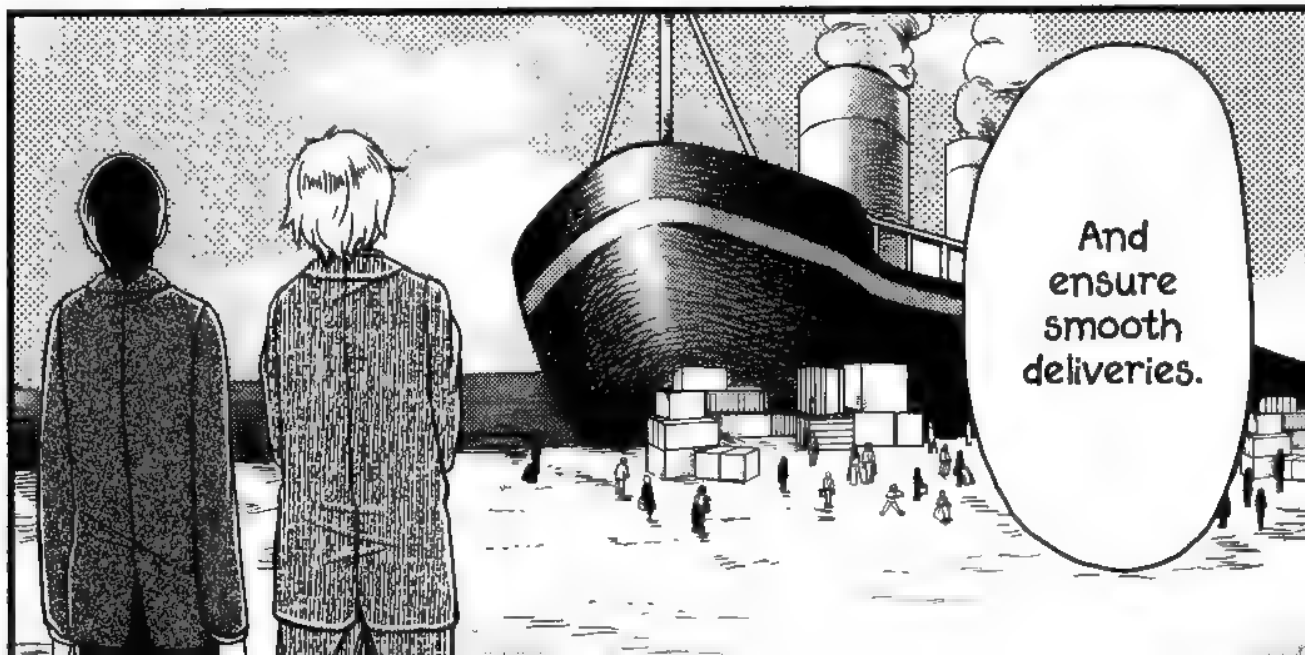
I'm not the type to take any chances.
This guarantee ensures that should you fail...
You must return the money you borrowed ...
...by any means necessary.

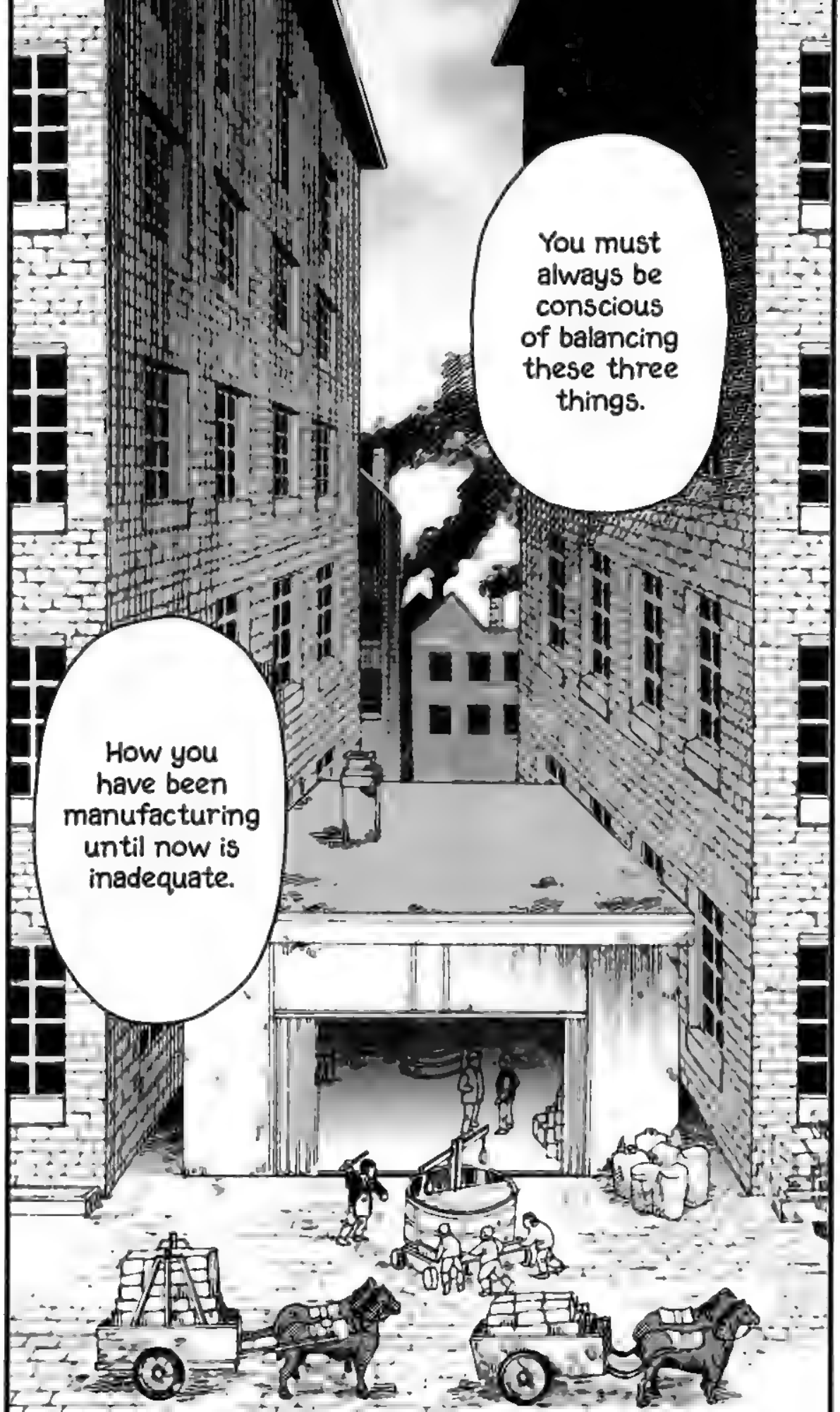
It's settled then.
the Latin phra
Shall we begin?

Keep in mind the three basics of manufacturing.
Quality.
Cost.
VROOOOM
Delivery time.

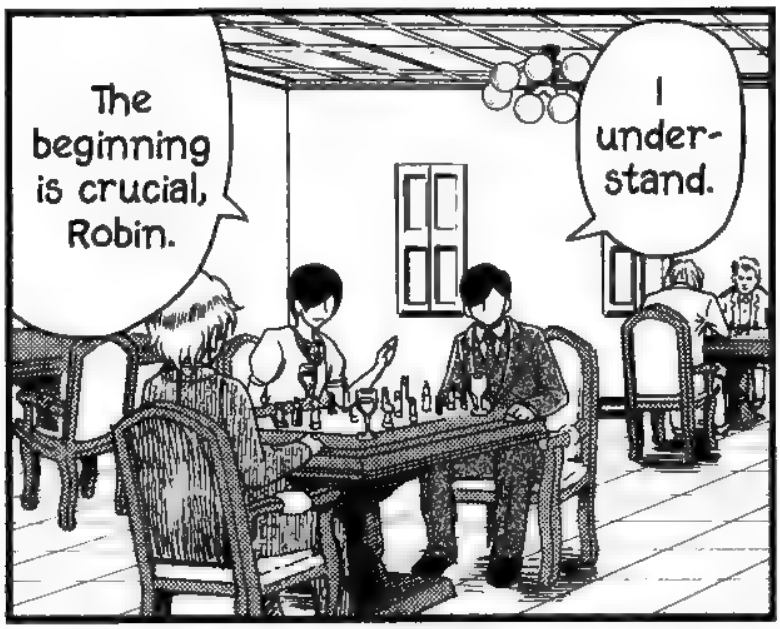
Utilize your know-how, to produce high-quality products...

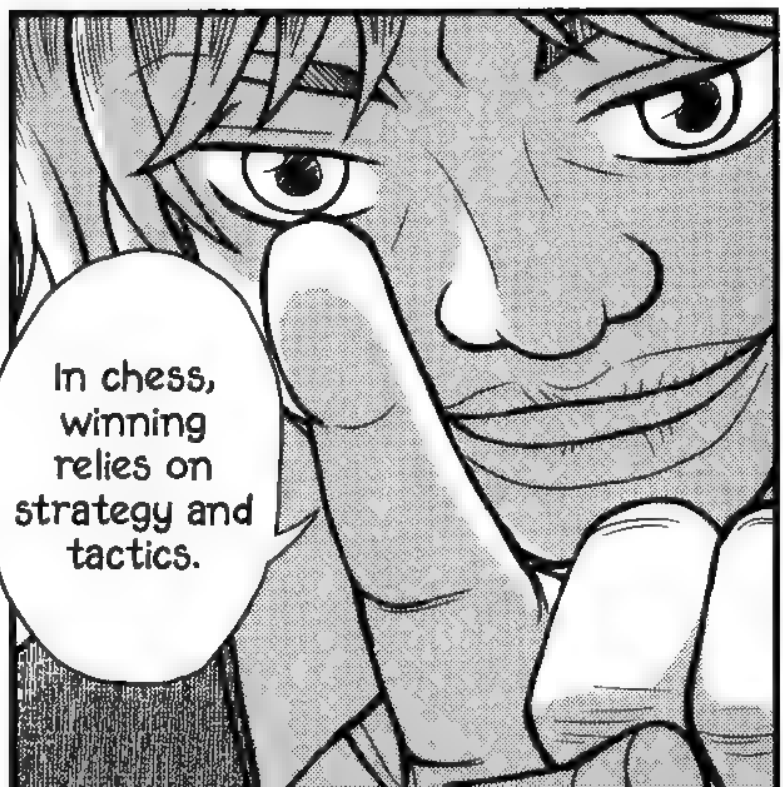
...at low production costs.


And ensure smooth deliveries.


You must always be conscious of balancing these three things.
How you have been manufacturing until now is inadequate.

If you don't focus yourself...


The beginning is crucial, Robin.
I under-stand.


In chess, winning relies on strategy and tactics.

...it's check-mate.
TAP
It'll be the end for you.

It's the same for business.
A long-term strategy to build up an advantageous position.
Or a short-term strategy to pressure your opponent.
...
At present, you are...
...the key to victory or defeat. The *knight*.

Exploitation
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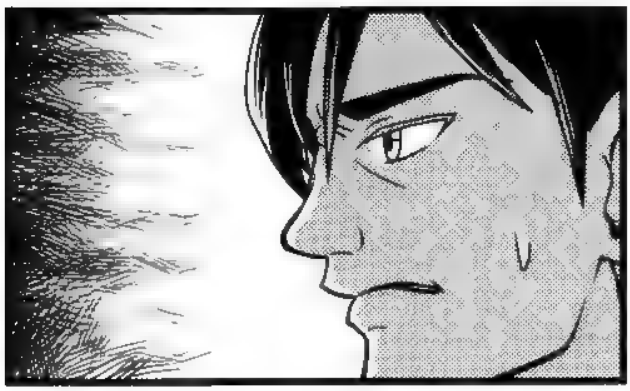
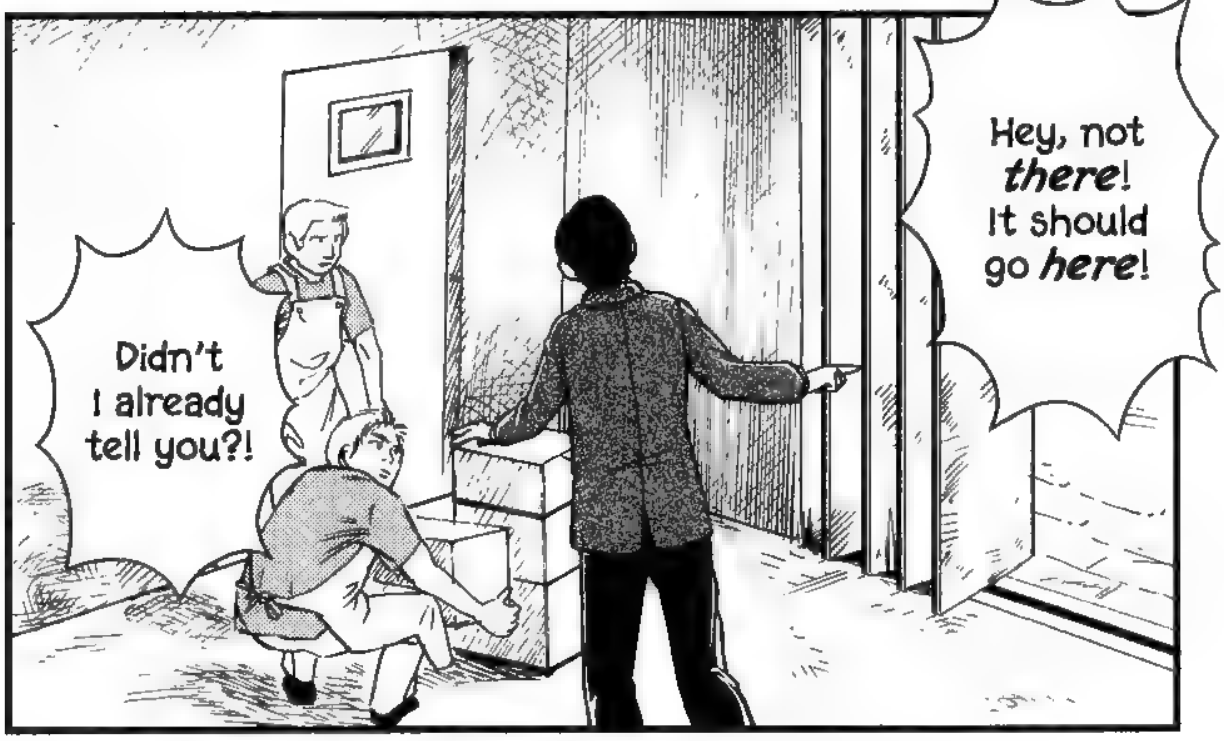
It's been three months. Why are we so behind?
Aren't there three people doing it?



They're not that bright...


Hey, not *there*! It should go *here*!
Didn't I already tell you?!

!
We need time to get used to it.
You're supposed to do it like this!
Leave it to me, Boss.
It should be easy...
You're using machines!
?
LOOM

WHAM
What...?!

Do as the boss says.
Shut up and work.
CRASH

?!

Who are *you*?

...
You can't go easy on these guys...!

He thought you'd need me.

I was hired by Daniel.

What?
You didn't have to hit him!
...
Enough!
Th-There's other ways you could have...
...
These are the boss's orders!
There are plenty to replace you!

ヒ"
FLINCH
Get to work!
Don't slack off!
If you want money, work!

...

NO GOOD. YOU CAN'T MAKE GOOD CHEESE LIKE THIS.
SPLASH
Why you! Get moving!
I'm sorry!

THINGS CAN'T CONTINUE LIKE THIS.
There's no need to go that far.
WE WON'T EVEN BE ABLE TO PRODUCE AT THIS RATE.
FORGET ABOUT GOOD CHEESE.
YOU MUST RETURN THE MONEY YOU BORROWED...
...BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY.
SHOULD YOU FAIL...

THEY MUST ALL BE LABORERS, OFF FROM WORK.
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE

EVEN CHILDREN...

...
Do you work?
Excuse me.
Huh? Make?
What do you make?
Um...
Then pass it on!
...and I lock it.
They bring me some-thing...
...
DAZE

That's all I do.
Hmm. And after that?
Huh? Used for?
What is it used for?
Then I pass it on!
...and I lock it.
They bring me some-thing...
...

Bwa ha ha ha!
That's one dumb brat.
...
HEH HEH HEH

Kids who work in factories don't go to school.
They're dumb as monkeys.
PISSED
Your brain seems to be nothing but muscle.

...
Um. Heh heh.
That's normal.
I tried asking the adults.
But most of them didn't know what they were making.
All they care about is earning money.
The simpler the better.

Simple...
...where even children can do it.

Please wait.

Somebody take over from here!
OK!

Everyone! Please stop what you're doing for a moment!

...

I want to try instilling some order.
It appears things are getting quite hectic.
That's no different from other factories.
Just when work was starting to get fun...
Who cares if it's not fun?!
Let's just try it, shall we?

You stay here.
You two go to the opposite line.
As for you...

You'll be at the end of the line.
And you'll carry things around.
ゴロゴロゴロンク
ゴロゴロゴロンク
ゴロゴロゴロンク

Ugghhh.
Good. It's going smoothly.
But can we increase the speed?
It was pretty hot with my wife last night.
HA HA HA
My hips hurt.
...
If you speed up, so will the rest of the process.
Excuse me.

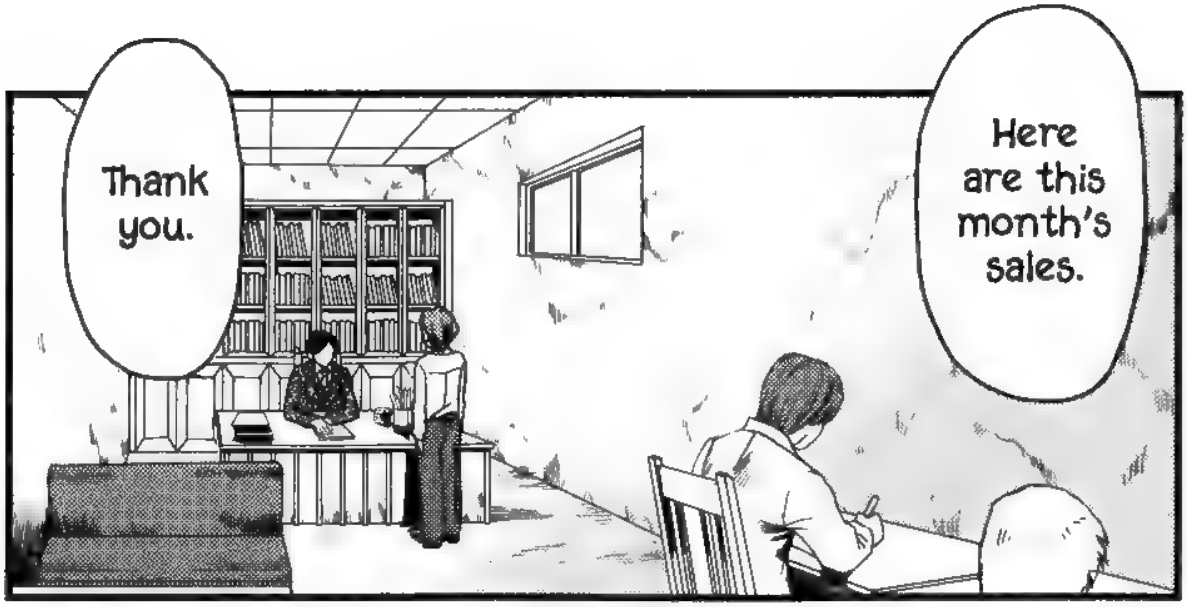
Can you give us a demon-stration?
Sure...
Yes.
SWISH
Stir it like this.
Slowly and evenly.
PUFF
What?
Now, why don't you...?
?!

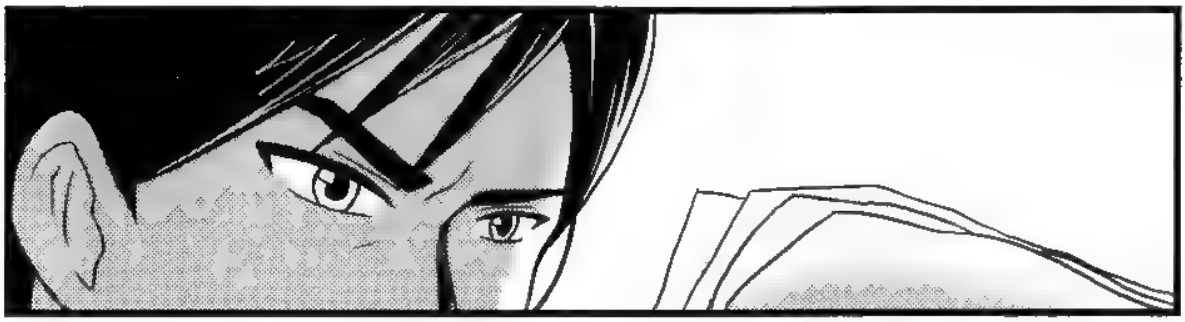
Just for a bit.
You're working now!
No smoking in the factory!

...

Is there a problem, Boss?

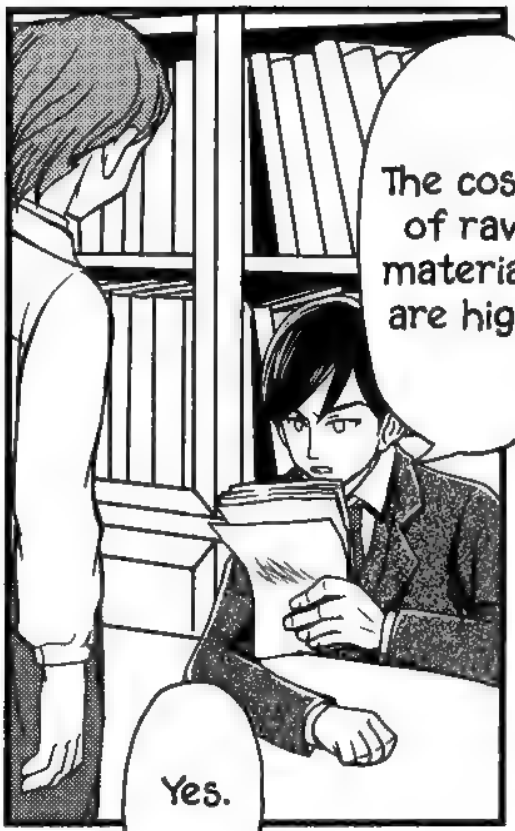
...
Hmph.
Oh.
STIR
STIR
STIR
They're all trying to slack off.
If you're lenient, they'll take advantage of you.
So you have to work them hard.


Here are this month's sales.
Thank you.



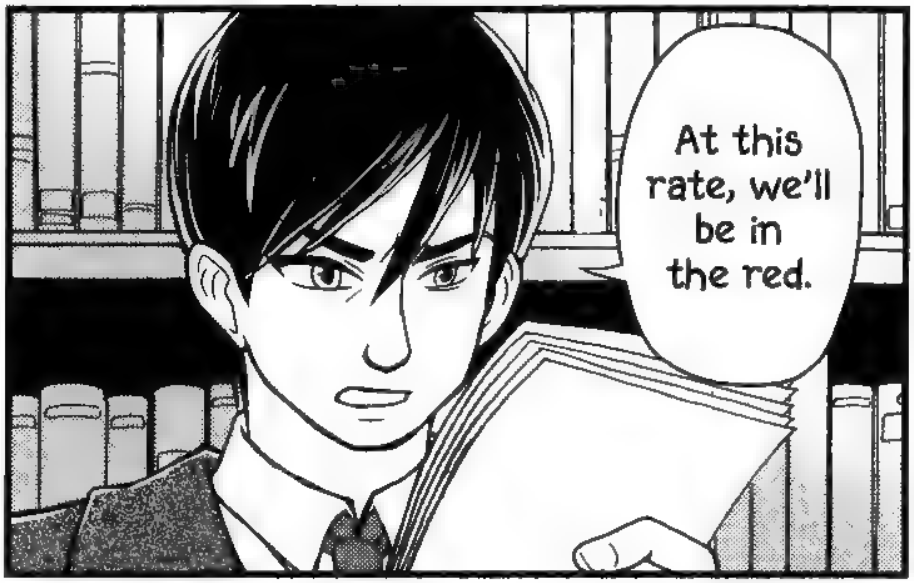
There were crop failures.

Crop failures, huh.


The costs of raw materials are high.
Yes.

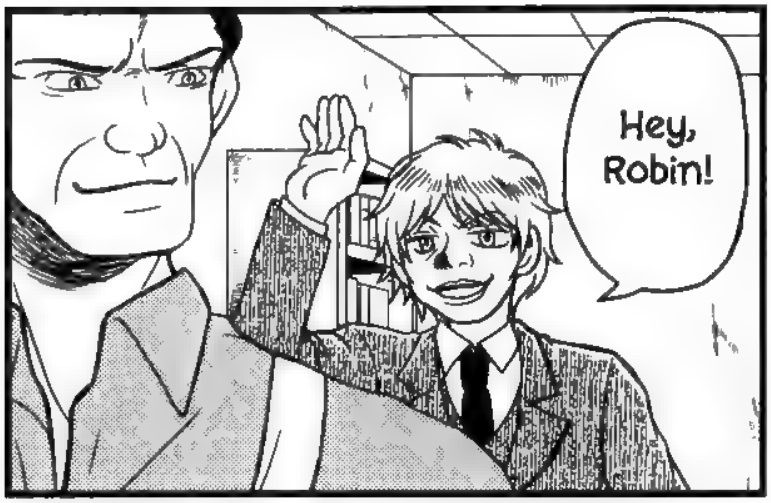
I see...
Poor crops raised the price of livestock feed.

Yes...


At this rate, we'll be in the red.

KA-CHAK
Come in, come in.

We have to cut our expenses.


Hey, Robin!

You came at a good time.

How are things going?
Hello, Daniel.

...

Yes, I see.
Those are this month's sales.
I thought as much.
It seems so.
You'll surely be in the red.
So?
Do you have any solution?

On the other hand...
Compromising the materials means lower quality.
Increasing production means paying more wages.
You can't compromise, Robin.
Only after establishing the brand name, can we move on to other enterprises.
This cheese factory is a very important first step.

What should I do?
Then...
Tell you what, Robin.
I'll teach you a way to earn a large profit.

A way to... earn a large profit?

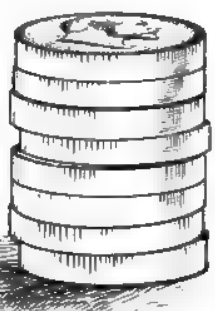
?

Let's say it costs 10 coins.

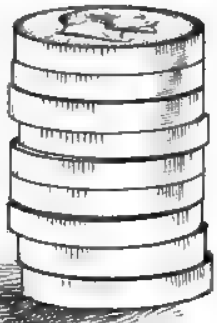
The various expenses to produce one cheese...

The raw materials cost 4 coins.

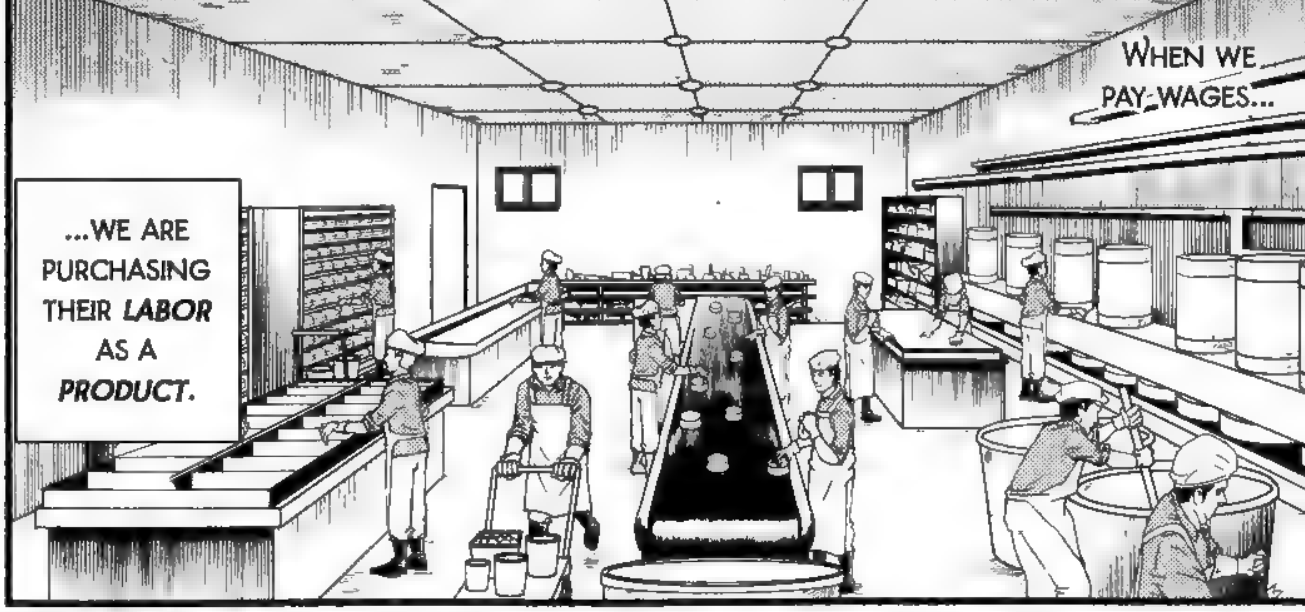
The maintenance for the machinery costs 4 coins.



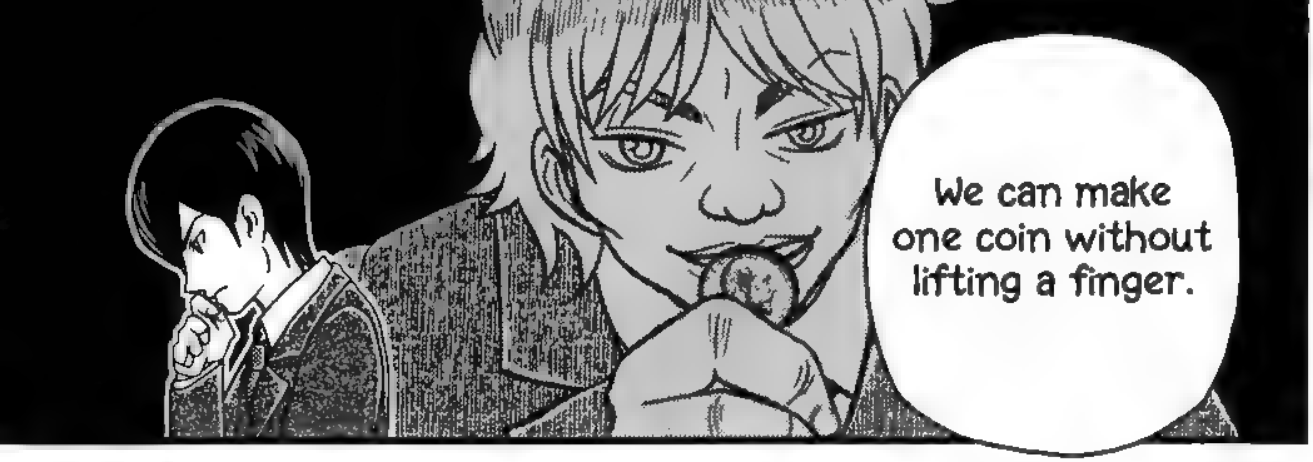
And labor expenses cost 1 coin.

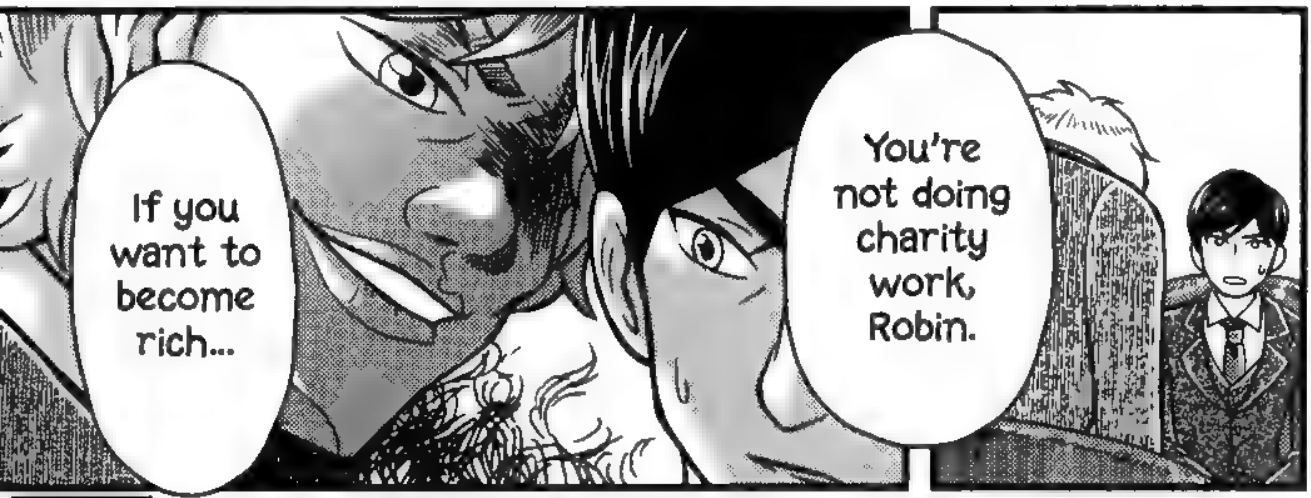


?
4+4+1...
...
equals 9.
That leaves...
...one coin left.
Didn't you say it'd cost 10 coins?
Why is there one left over?
Think of it this way.



Keyword: *Surplus Value* — When the production value exceeds the value of labor (wages).





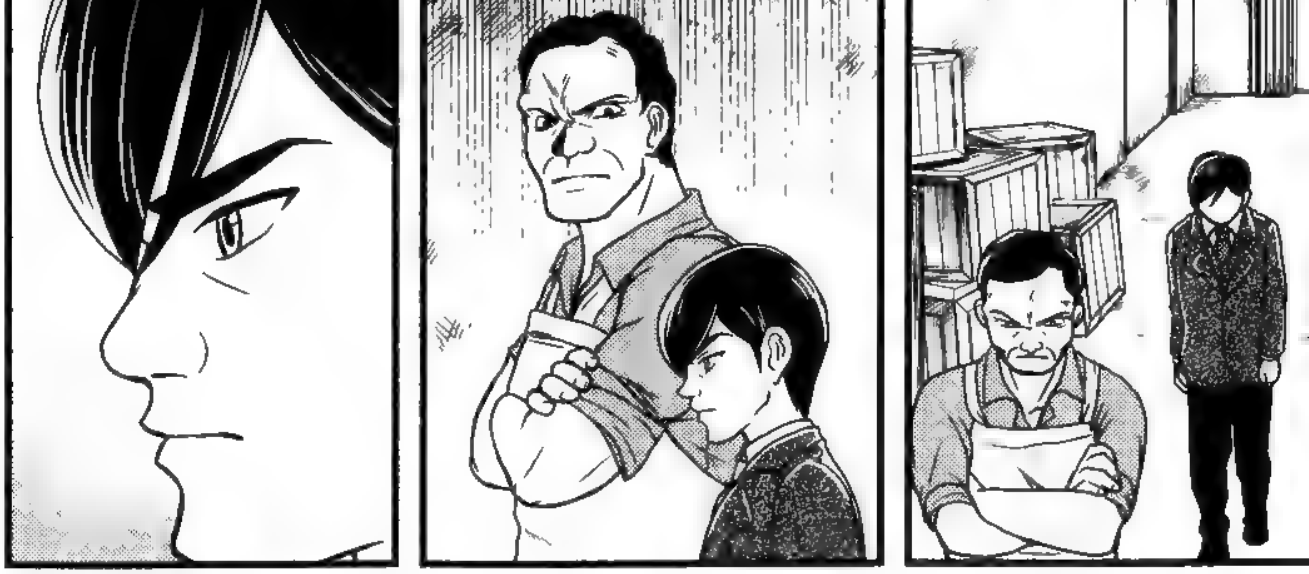
Keyword: *Exploitation* – When capitalists extract surplus value from their laborers.

Mother! From now on...
...I'm going to be rich!
Oh, my. Why so sudden?
You don't like being a cheese-maker?

Helena's grandma ...
It's Helena.
That's not it.
Helena's grandma...
B-
Because they have no money ...
Oh, Robin ...
Ughh ...

But isn't she sick because she's poor?
I'm sure she'll be fine.
Don't worry about it.
Then you'll get better, right?!
It's not because of money.
That is the work of God.
Money can't save people, Robin.

It's because we had no money, that you weren't saved.



Please raise the production level.

I'm ordering you to do your job.
...

I know now why Daniel hired you.
...
If we don't work them hard...
...it'll be my neck on the line.
Under-stood.
SMIRK
No.
Just do it your way.
Don't take it too far ...

WHACK
YAWNNN
ふあ～
If you're sleepy, tell me.
I'll give you more work.
You guys! Don't slack off!
GLOSSING THINGS OVER WON'T SAVE ANYONE.

...FATHER.
HELENA.
EVERY ONE.
IF ONLY THEY
HAD MONEY.
MOTHER.
HELENA'S
GRANDMOTHER...

We can make one coin without lifting a finger.

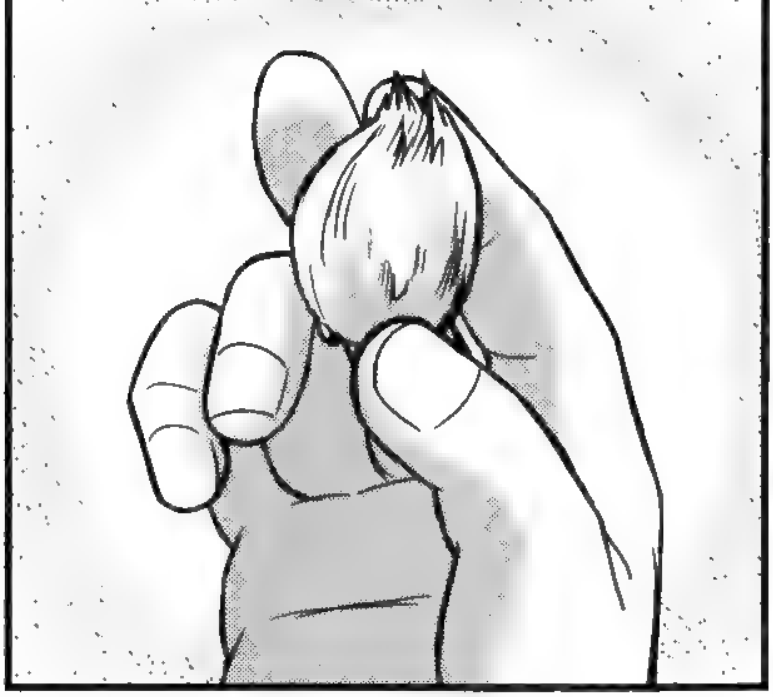
Money is made from time and labor.

G-Good evening, Miss Annie!
Good evening, Robin.
...I CAN ACCOMPANY ANNIE.
IF I HAVE MONEY ...
Allow me.
It's my pleasure!
I'm sorry for suddenly asking you out.

Yes, of course.
Can I have my usual salad?
Excuse me.
Yes, Miss Annie.
Tomato and mozzarella cheese salad.
...
CLINK
Please eat, Robin.
Oh my.
...

It's delicious.
The cheese as well.
...
What?
They used the cheese you produced.
I asked him to include it on the menu.
My father owns this restaurant.

ブチッ RIIP
THE TASTE HAS FALLEN A BIT...
CHOMP もぐ CHOMP もぐ
...
?
RIIP ブチッ
Huh?



ブチッ
RIP

Boss? Why did you tear them into small pieces?
プカ
FLOAT
It's fine.
プカ
FLOAT

ブチッ
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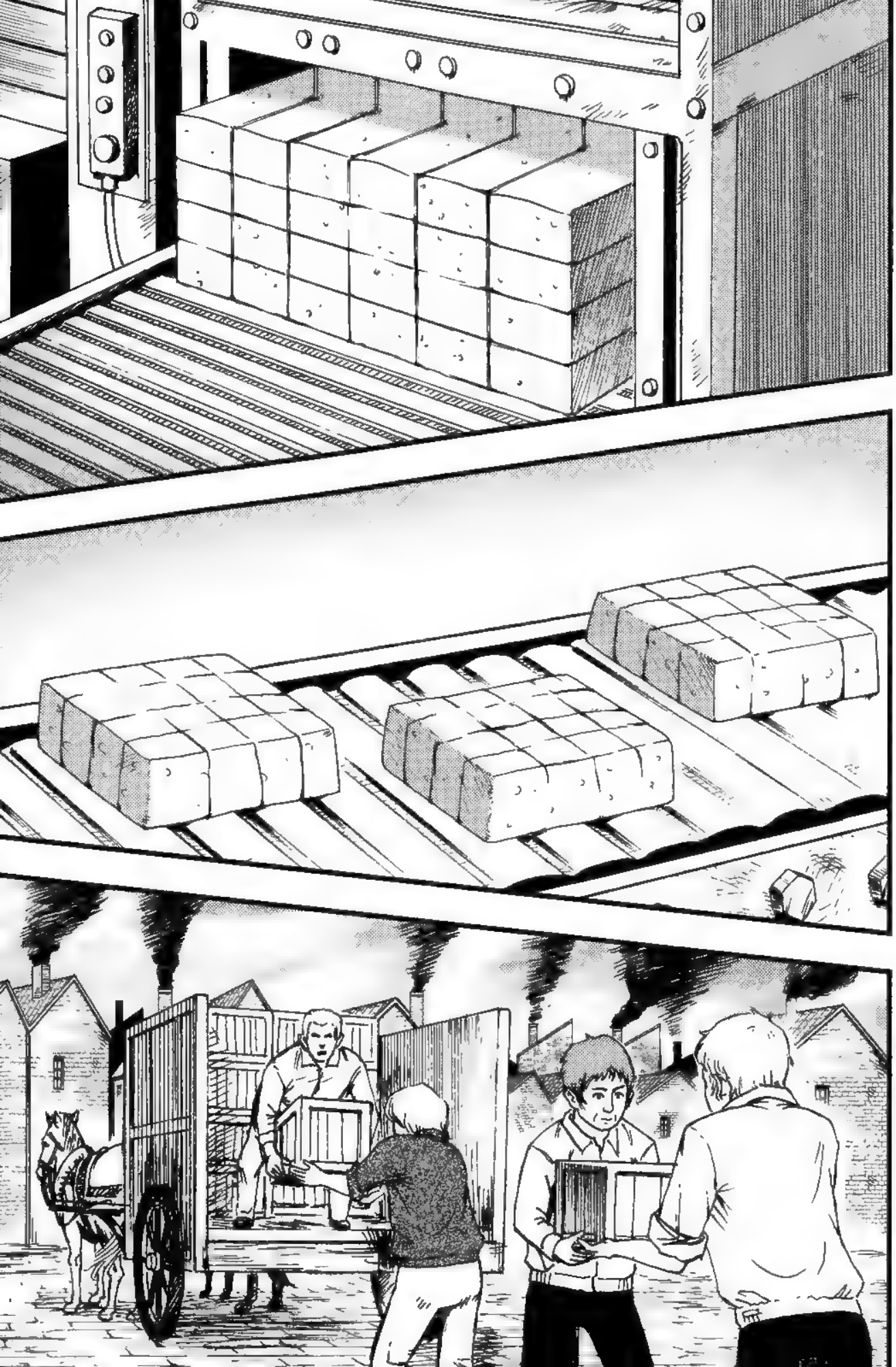
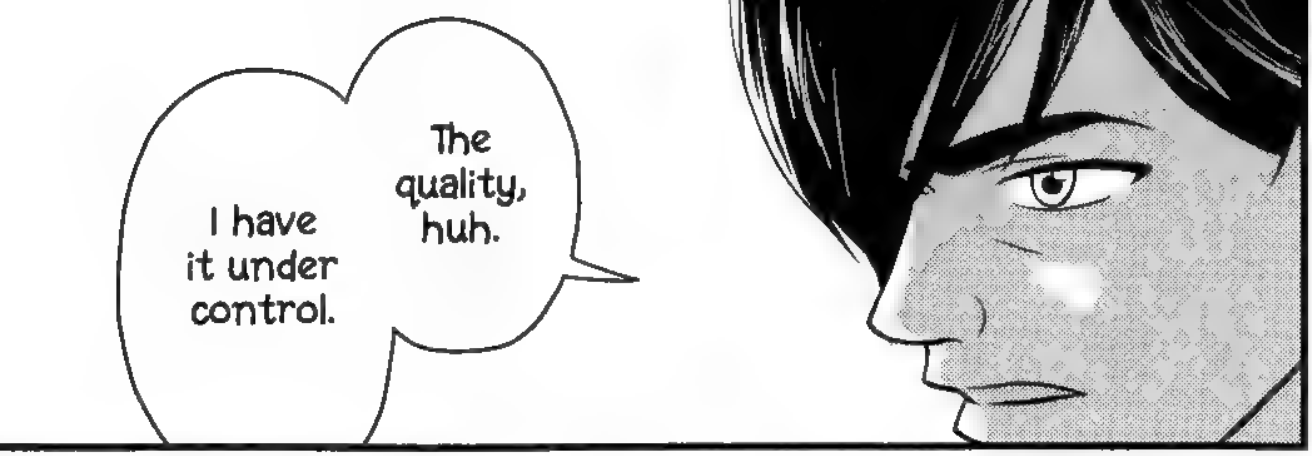
RIP



The small size makes it easier to eat and cook with.
It's easier to consume and costs less.
They're smaller.
Yes.
Will the taste match the production rate?
A good idea.
The product and customer turnover will also rise.
Of course, we will also produce larger sizes as well.

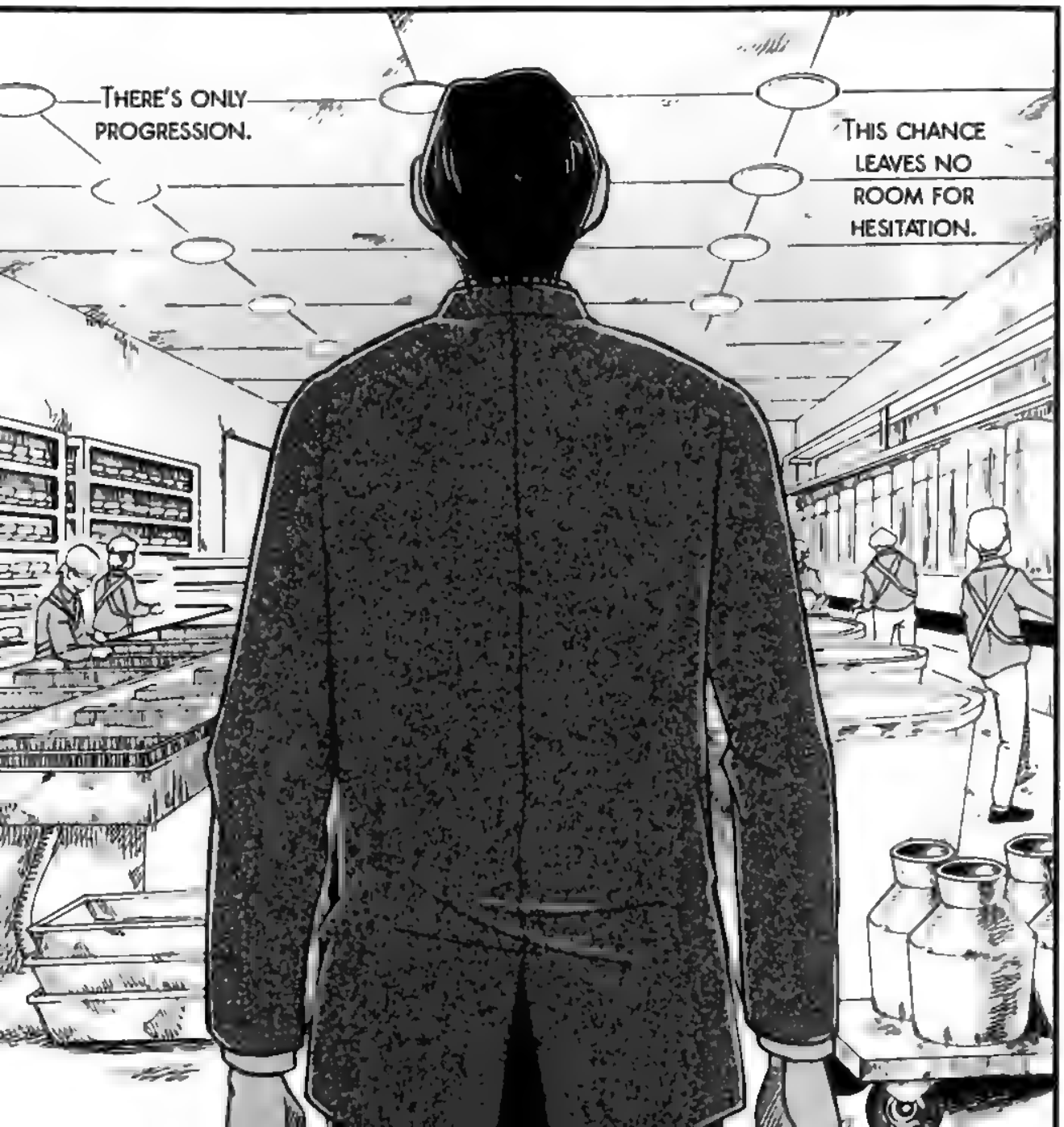

The quality, huh.
I have it under control.

Not the taste, but the quality.
I'm counting on you, *Mister Knight*.

労働の売買

The Buying and Selling of Labor

SELLING IN STALLS ALSO STARTED BECAUSE PEOPLE WANTED MONEY.


THERE'S ONLY PROGRESSION.
THIS CHANCE LEAVES NO ROOM FOR HESITATION.

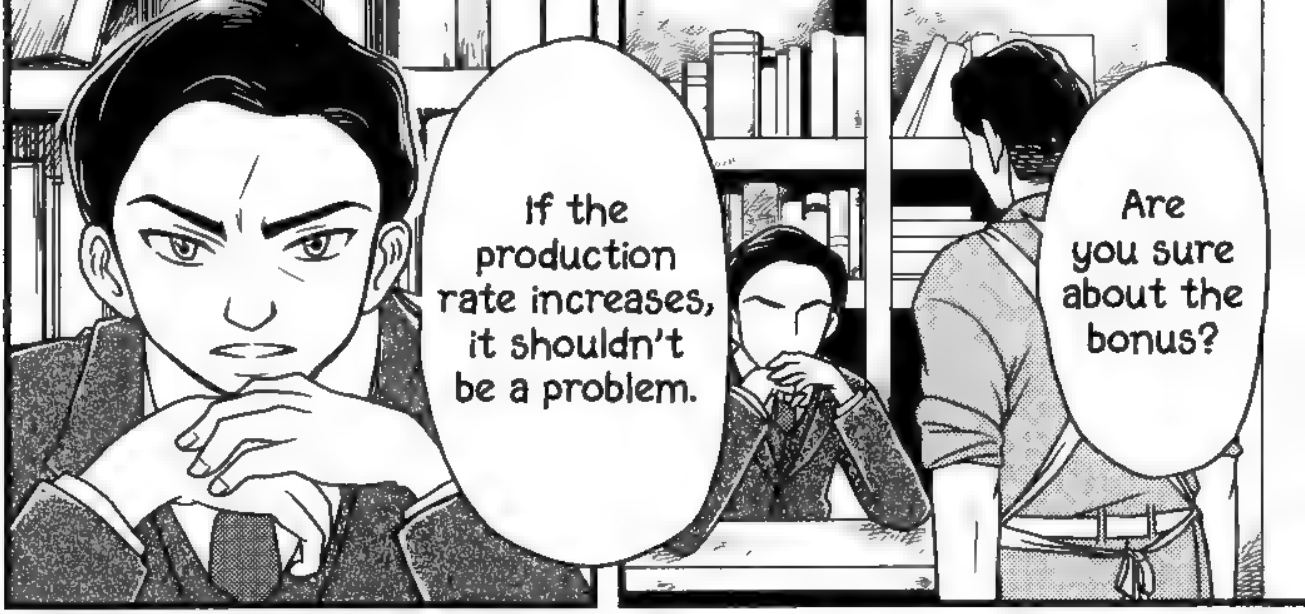
Time to go home!
Work's over.
RIIING

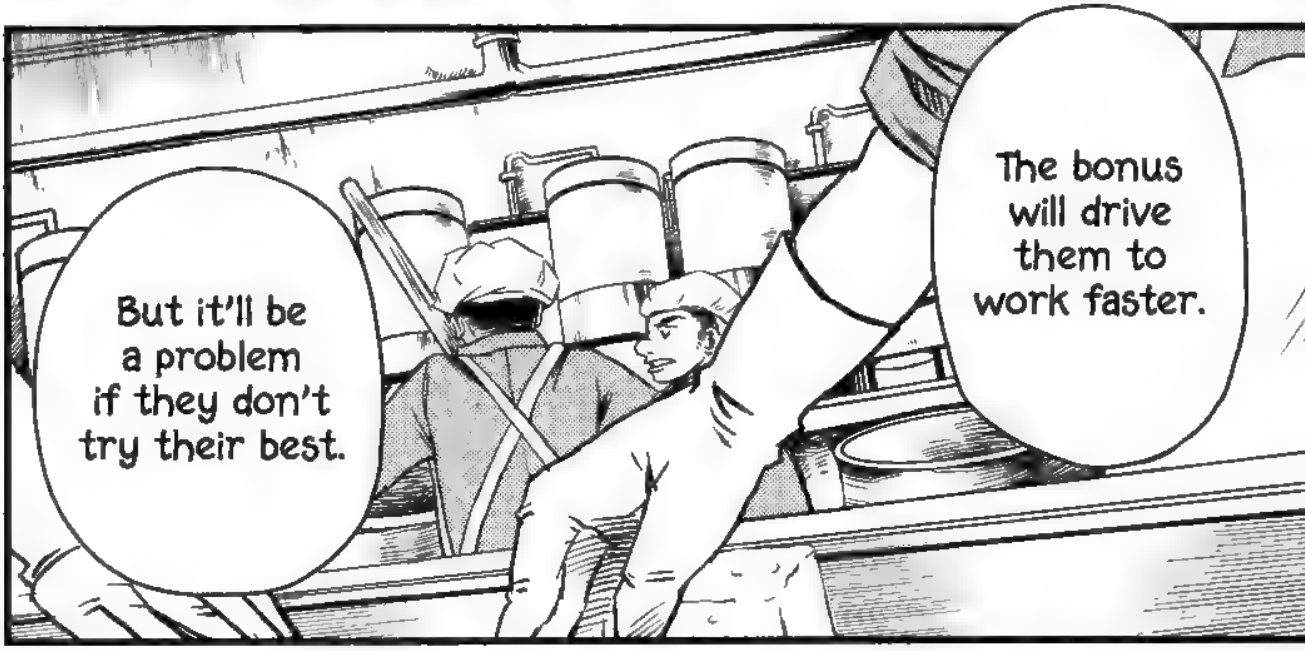
...

Isn't that ten hours?
What?

From today, work ends at nine.
I'm sorry, everyone.

Bonus, huh.
A bonus ...
I will give bonuses to those who produce good results.
For those who produce bad results...
...they will be punished.

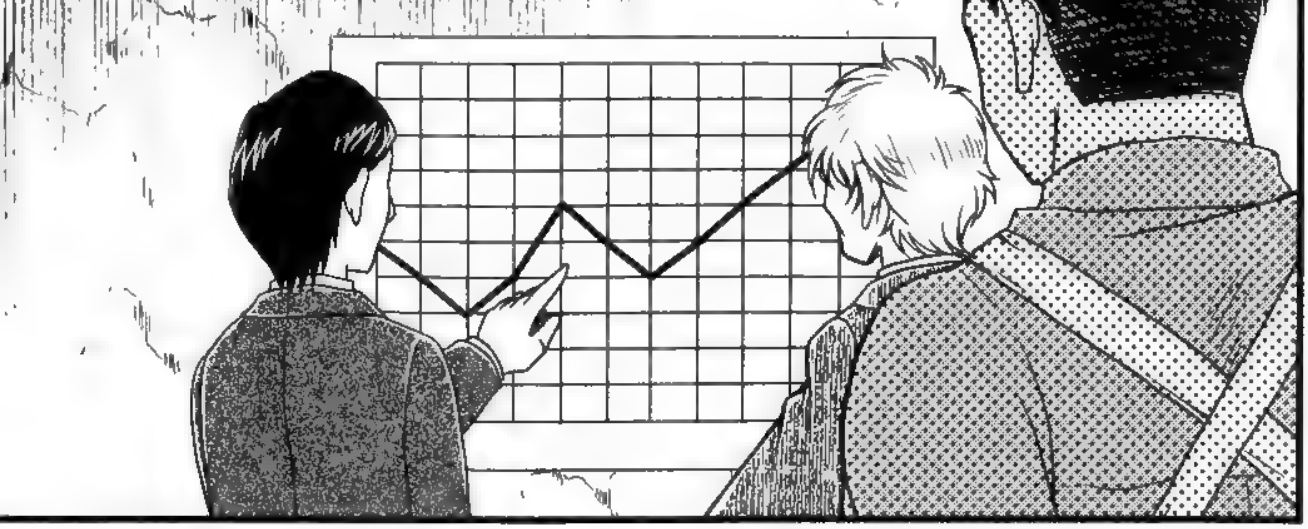

If the production rate increases, it shouldn't be a problem.
Are you sure about the bonus?

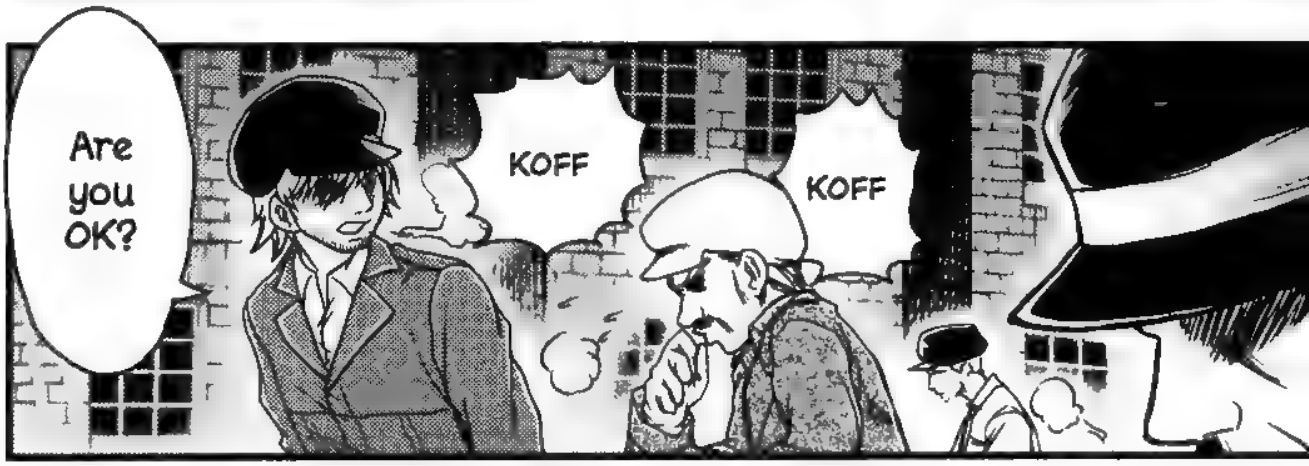

But it'll be a problem if they don't try their best.
The bonus will drive them to work faster.

I was often hit by my father for doing half-hearted work.

Th-Thank you very much...
Here. Good work.
It's easy to tell, right?
Those who work hard and those who don't.
Look carefully at this example.

Hey!
Hurry
it up!
Too
slow!
Faster!
Faster!




Are you OK?
KOFF
KOFF

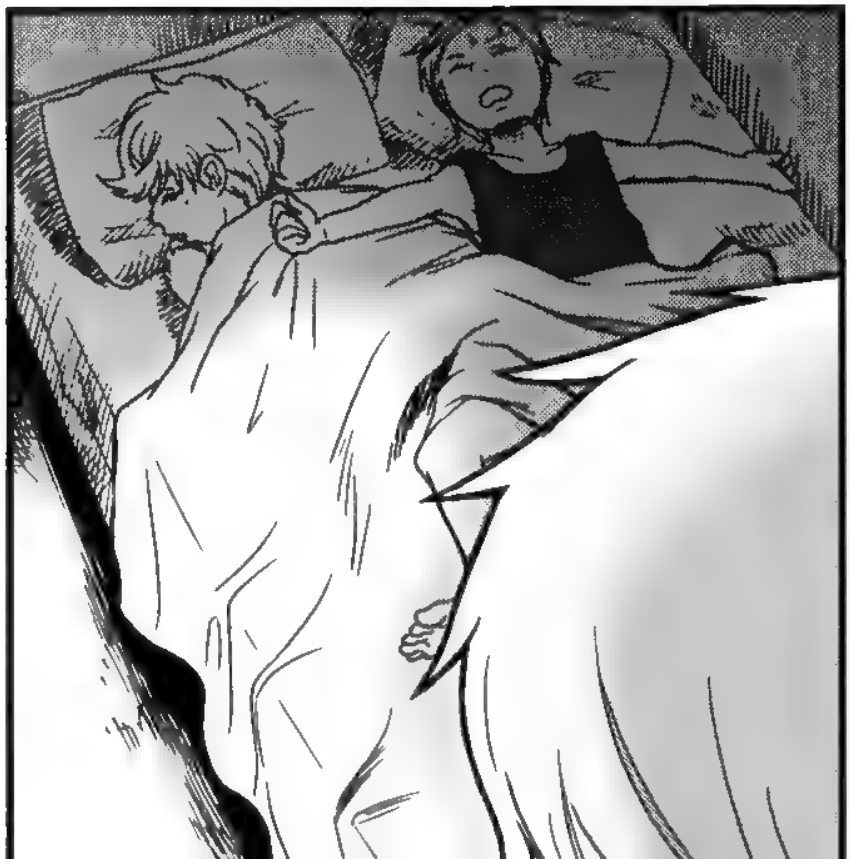
Why don't you take a rest?
KOFF KOFF

We're not slaves.
I can't risk giving bad results.
TREMBLE
ゴボッ
TREMBLE
ゴボッ
TREMBLE
ゴボッ
That's just how life is...
We get used and then thrown away!
It's like the same thing, Carl...!
KOFF
ゴボッ
KOFF
ゴボッ
KOFF
ゴボッ
...

I'm home.

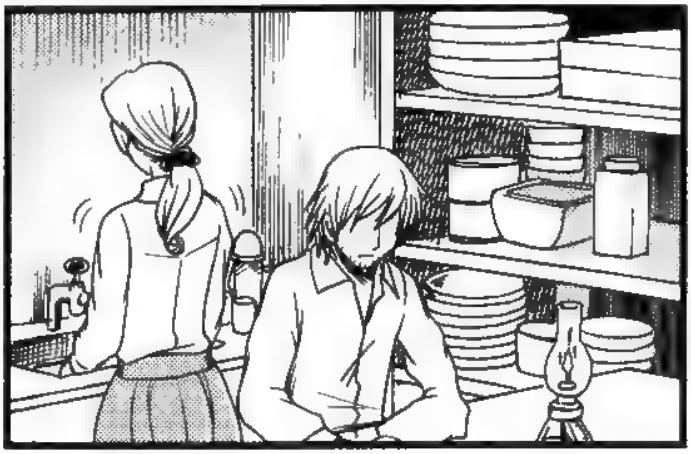
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
SCRATCH

Welcome home.
Are they asleep?



...
Don't wake them.
The children are tired from working.

You must be hungry.



...
The cheese your factory produces is cheap and popular.

I'm tired of looking at cheese.
Bread and cheese again.

You know ...
Again with that talk.
Every family is doing their best to live.
So we just put up with it?!
I really think there's something wrong.
I don't have time to think about that!
Is that really OK?!

...
ZZZ
ZZZ
RUSTLE
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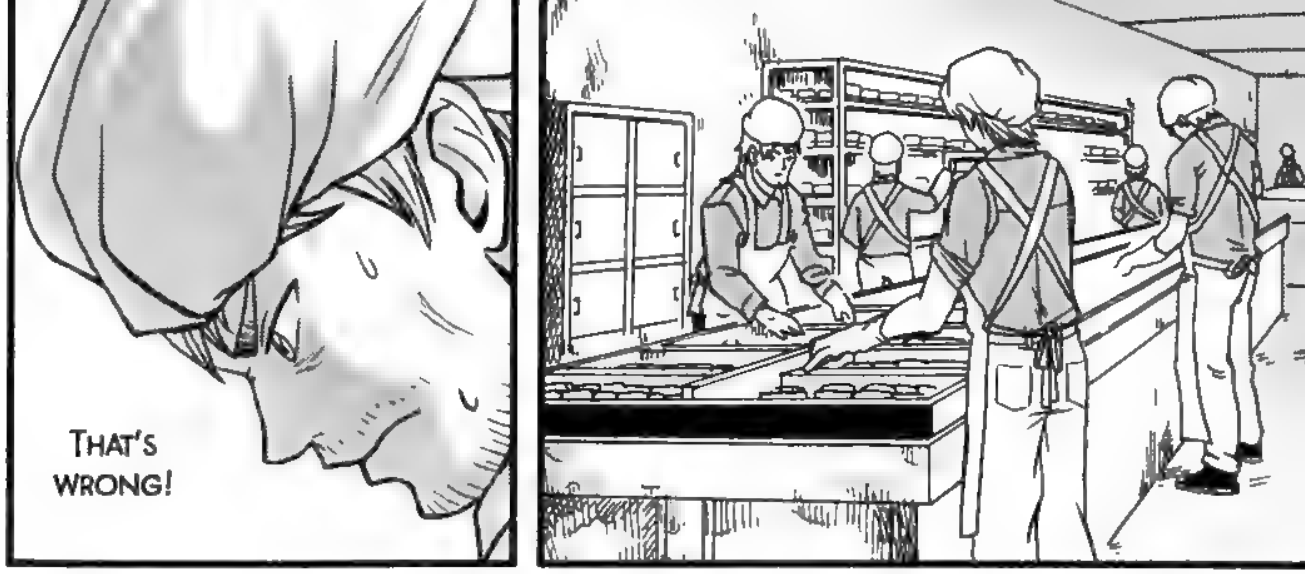
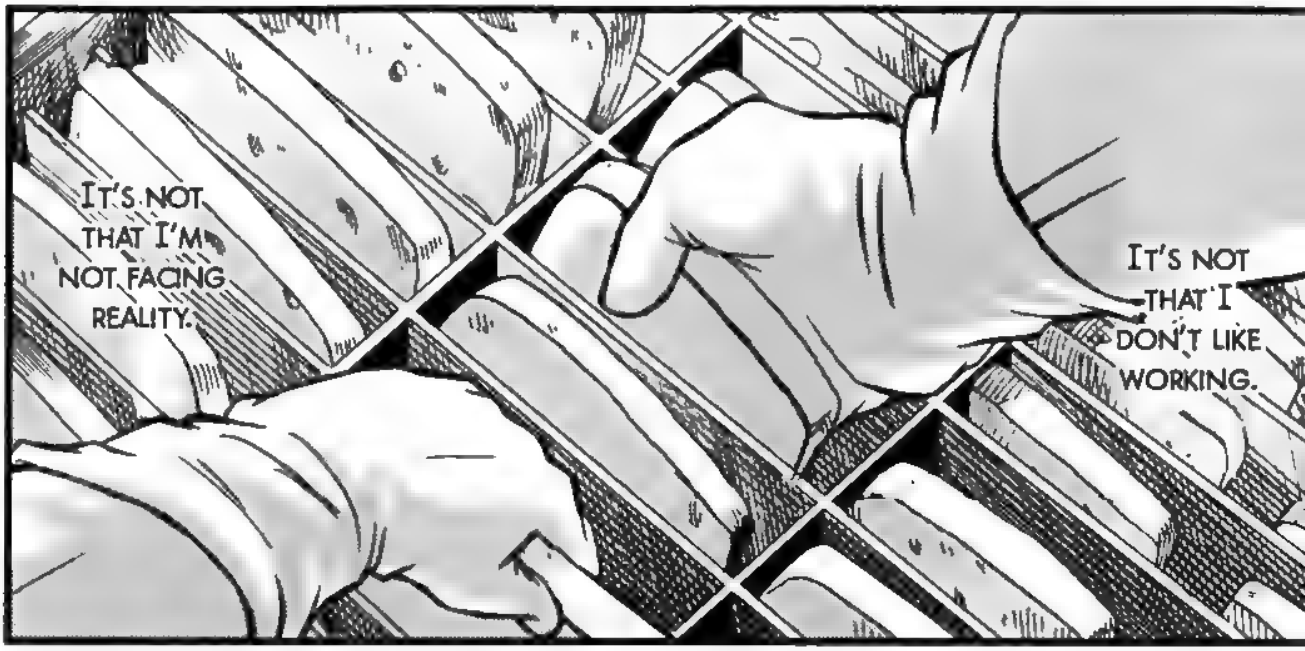
Ugnnn
...
...
We work to make a living.
Not to enjoy life.
You should face reality.
You are the provider for this family.

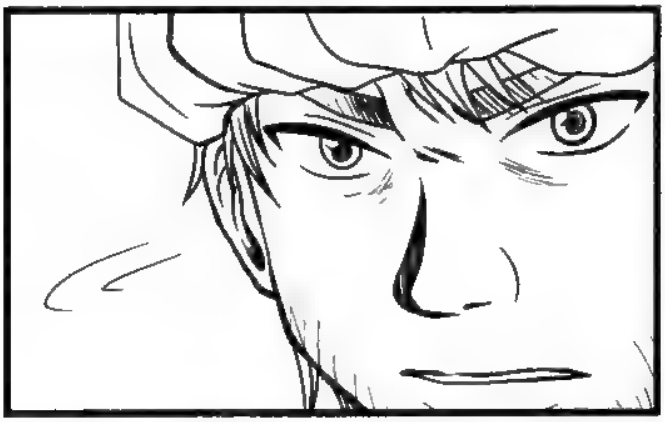

THAT'S WRONG!


IT'S NOT THAT I'M NOT FACING REALITY.
IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T LIKE WORKING.

...THAT I THINK SOMETHING ISN'T RIGHT.
IT'S BECAUSE I AM FACING IT...
KOFF
KOFF

Hey, you! You're spreading germs!
KOFF I-I'm sorry...
I'll beat some sense into you!
WHAM
Ugh!
HACK
KOFF
WHAM
WHAM
...to stop that coughing ?!
Why don't I use this rag...
SHOVE

You guys *all* better work harder!

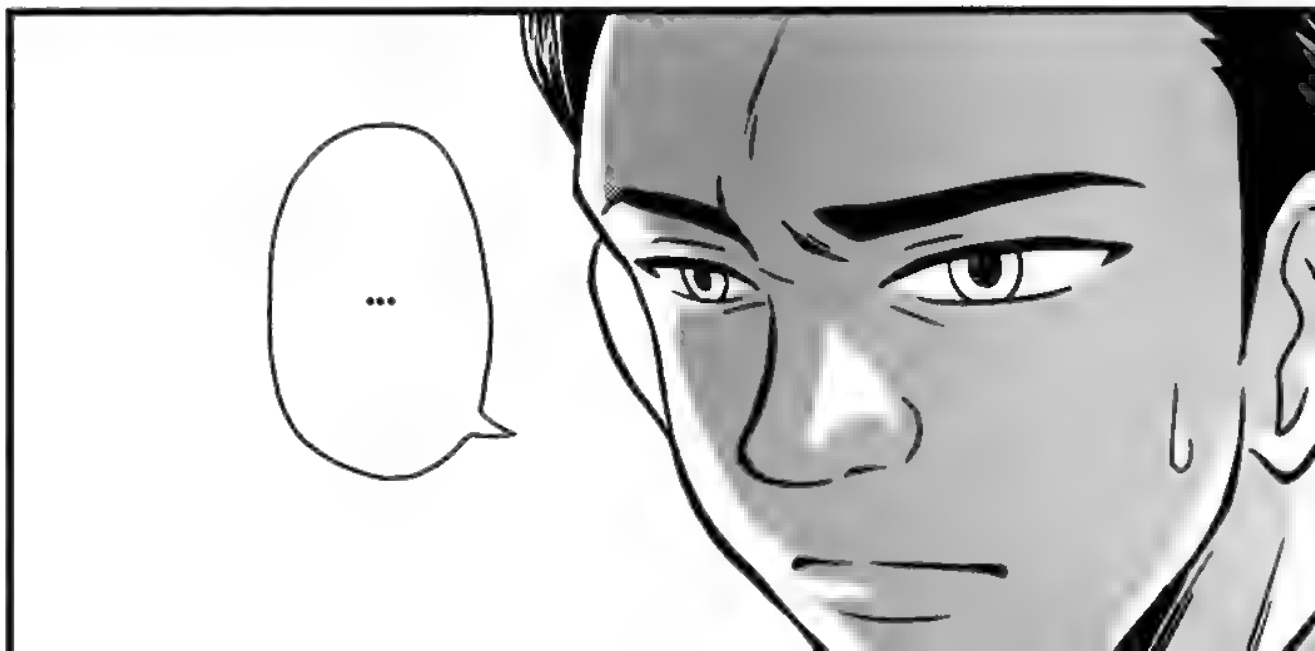


TO... MAKE A LIVING...

WE WORK TO MAKE A LIVING.
YOU ARE THE PROVIDER FOR THIS FAMILY.

KOFF
HACK
TO MAKE A LIVING...

TO MAKE A LIVING...
...



Get back to work!
SHOVE
What?
Got a complaint?
We...
...are not slaves.

CRACK

Hold it!
I said get back to work!

HUFF
HUFF

It's fine.
If we don't teach guys like this...!

WHEEZE
ゼェ
WHEEZE
ゼェ
We...
...are not slaves.
PANT
PANT
Making us work without rest and hitting us...
We do our best even with the low salary.
Who do you think you are?!

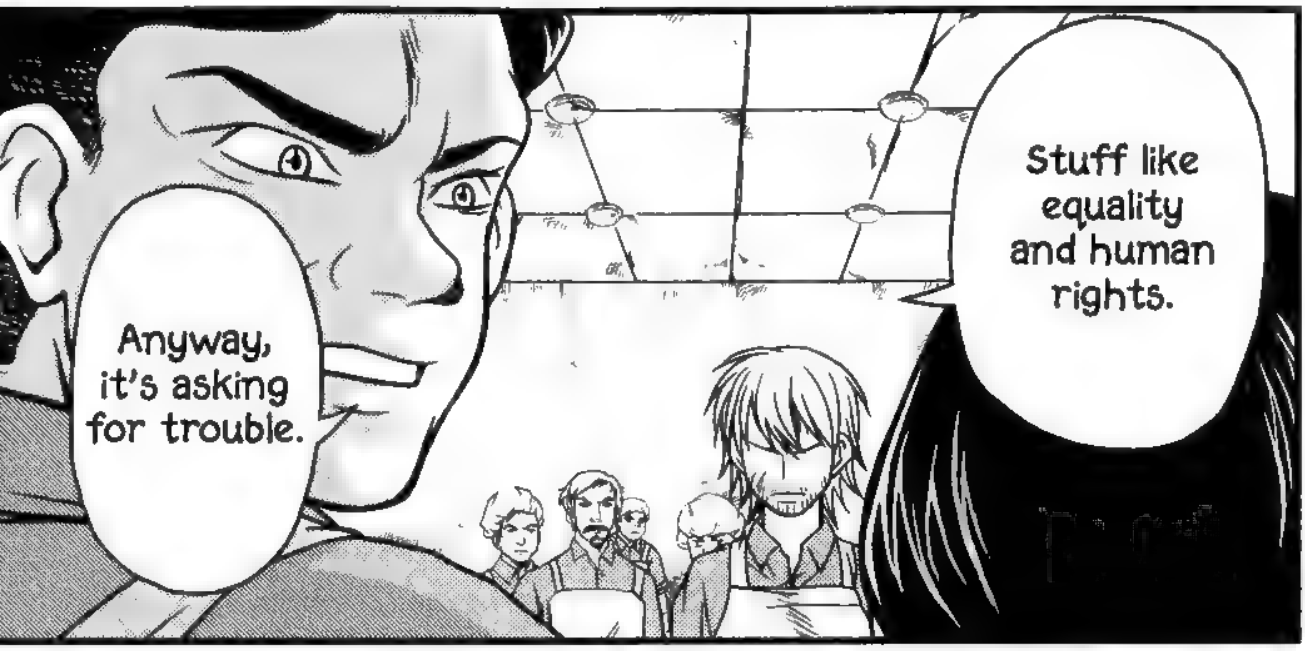
What makes you...
...so different from us?!

We work from morning until night...
...only to barely make ends meet...

Why is it like that?
I don't understand any of it!

But you guys earn tons of money doing nothing!

Disease?
Before it spreads like a disease.
We better hurry and stamp this out.


Anyway, it's asking for trouble.
Stuff like equality and human rights.

Who pays you?

EQUALITY...
HUMAN RIGHTS...

You're asking *who*?!
Bwa ha ha ha!
You take from our wages, right?

Take...
...from our wages?
What's going on?

If this keeps going...
Whaddaya wanna do... Boss?

WE ARE PURCHASING THEIR *LABOR* AS A *PRODUCT*.
THINK OF IT THIS WAY.

Make him... into an example in front of everyone.
After you're done, fire him.

LABOR... AS A PRODUCT...

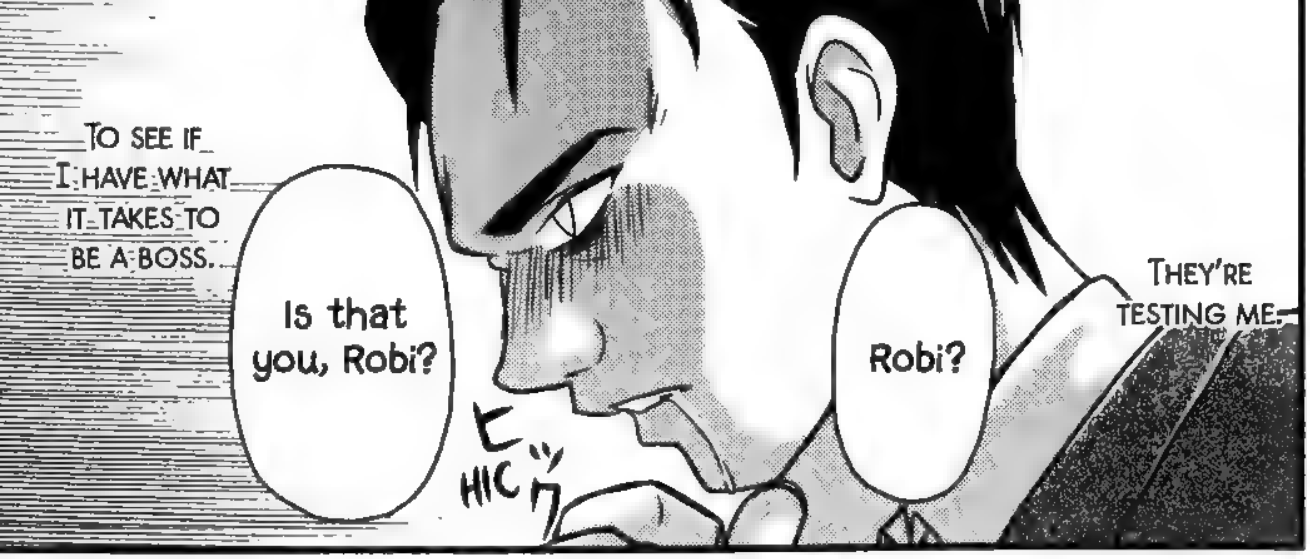
HIC

SWAY
Watch it!
SWAY
BUMP
ガッ!

SWAY
THERE'S NO CAUSE FOR REGRET. I ALREADY MADE MY DECISION.
How about it?
I'M NOT WRONG.
Hey, hand-some!
SWAY

CARE TO TELL ME THE REAL REASON?
YOUR MOTIVE FOR AGREEING TO MY PROPOSITION.

I...
...want to become rich!
What a creep!
!
Excuse me!
フラフラ～


TO SEE IF I HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A BOSS.
Is that you, Robi?
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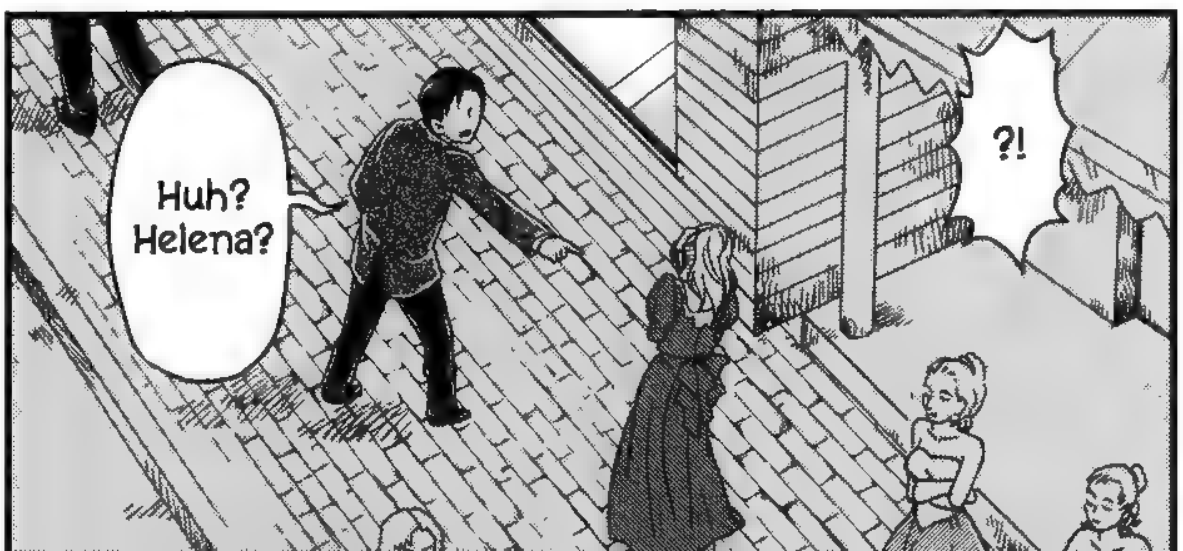
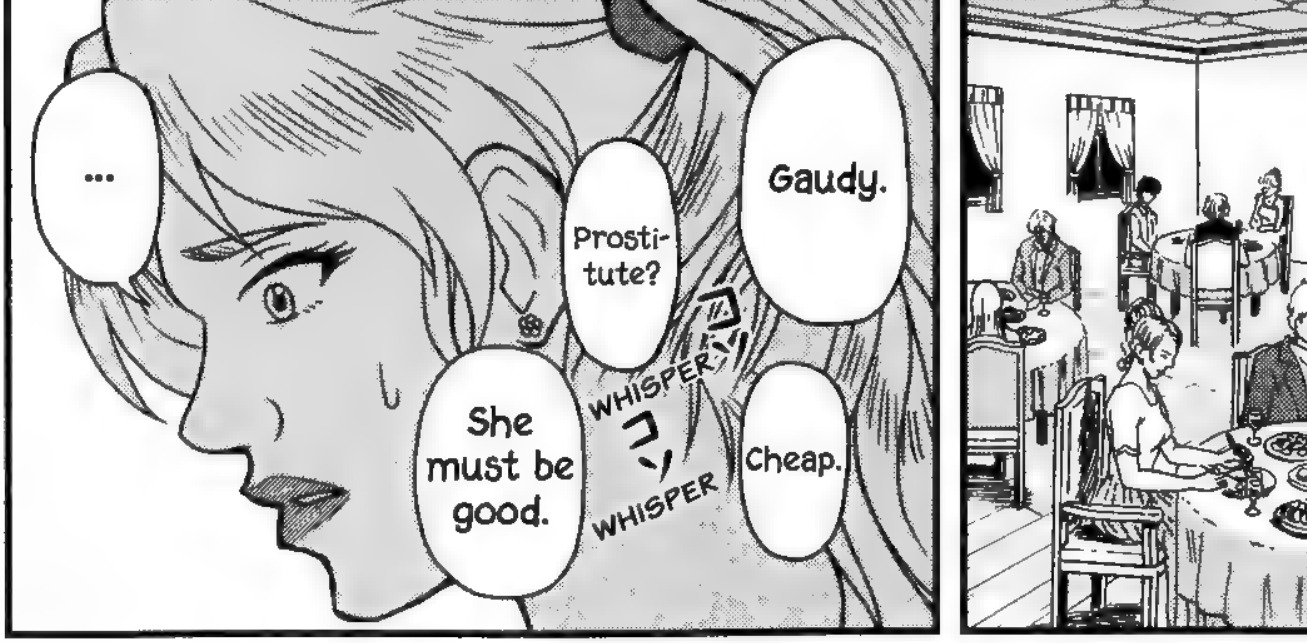
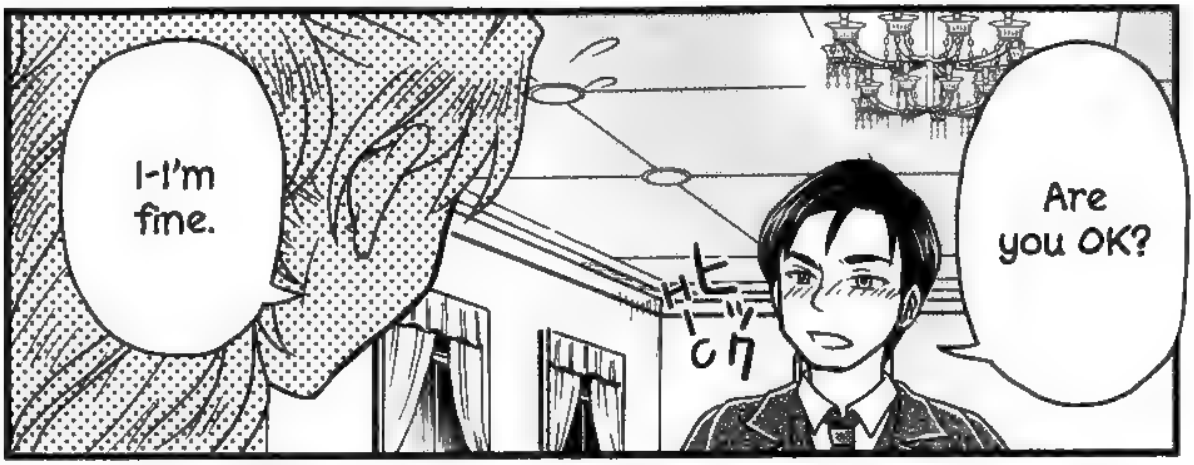
HIC
Robi?
THEY'RE TESTING ME.

...fired!
ピポーント
You're...


Huh? Helena?
?!


...
Prosti-tute?
Gaudy.
WHISPER
She must be good.
WHISPER
Cheap.


I-I'm fine.
Are you OK?

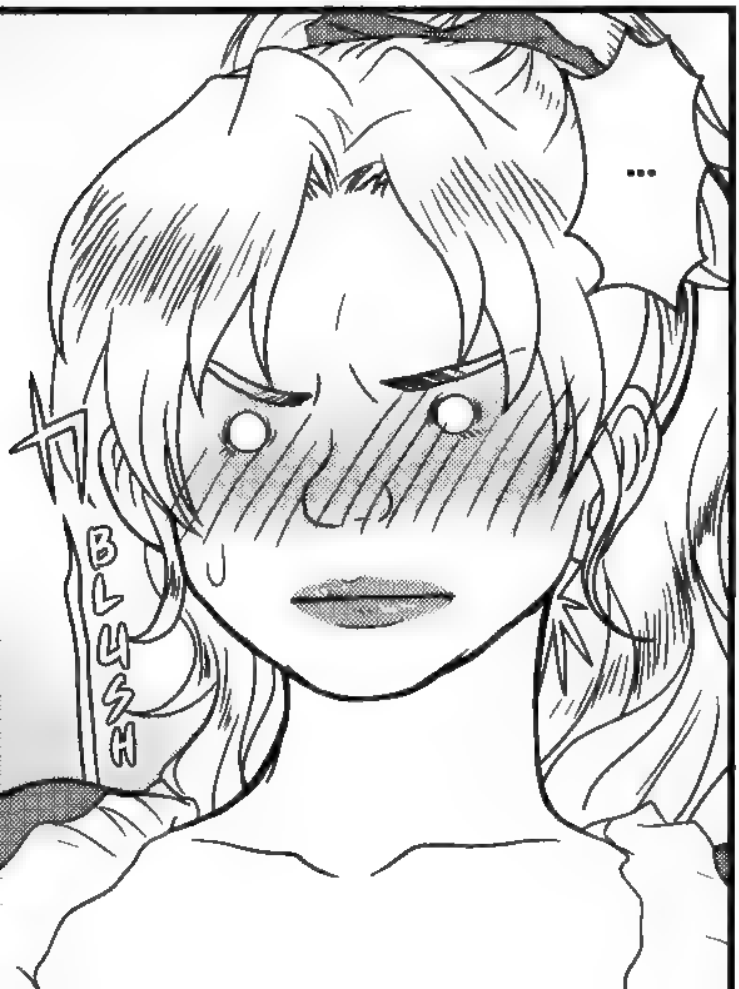
Ha ha ...

It's my treat!
Here! Drink up!
POURR

It looks expensive.
These places?
So you come to these places?

That's right. You're successful now.

Ha ha. I guess...


...
BLUSH

RATTLE
Oh, right! Our promise!
If I succeed, we'll get married!
SHOCK

Still a long way off, huh?!
Y-You're still a long way off!
HMPH
CHUGGG

CHUG
You rarely ever drank like this.
Did something happen?
...

About that... A worker at my factory complained.
Complained?

About me taking from their wages.
Or equality and human rights.
I'm the one hiring them.
I won't let them boss me around.
Hmm...
Geez.
His labor is a product I bought with my money!
A product?
Yeah! So I threw it away!
I fired him!

Hold it, Robi!
How can you call people *products* ...?
Sorry! I didn't mean it that way!
But if I don't think that way, I can't work.
You just don't understand, Helena.
Yeah, I don't!
...

Arggh! Forget it! Let's just drink!
CHUGGH"
CHUGGH"
Um. Then... Thank you.
Helena ...
It feels weird to be treated by you.
Ha ha ha. You're right.
Stop working at the bar.

You know, Robi...
Hey, Helena!
...
Y-
Yeah ...
Don't just keep him to yourself!
Geez.
Why you..
Oh, my. What a young man!
You sure got yourself a good customer!
...
Hey, Mister! Next time, take me along! OK?

Um. Robi...
Father was fired from his factory because of his age.
Mother's hip also hasn't healed yet.
And I can't get in contact with my brother.
I have to work hard to support my family.

...I can make more money here.
Rather than help him...
What about the landowner's farm?
...rich or semi-rich...
I've been going around...
If you need money, I can...
Fine...
I'm really... just like a product.

I'm not buying you!
I'm just...!
I want to stay friends with you.
But, if I can...
See you.
...

Spend the night with me?

Ack!
GRAB

Hey, there!
Want some action?

HOTEL
Hey, wait!

FWUMP

...

Wait.
Money first.

KILLING

SNATCH
Huh? You're trembling.
Eek!
FWUMP
What happened to all the excitement from before?
...

パカラ
CLOP
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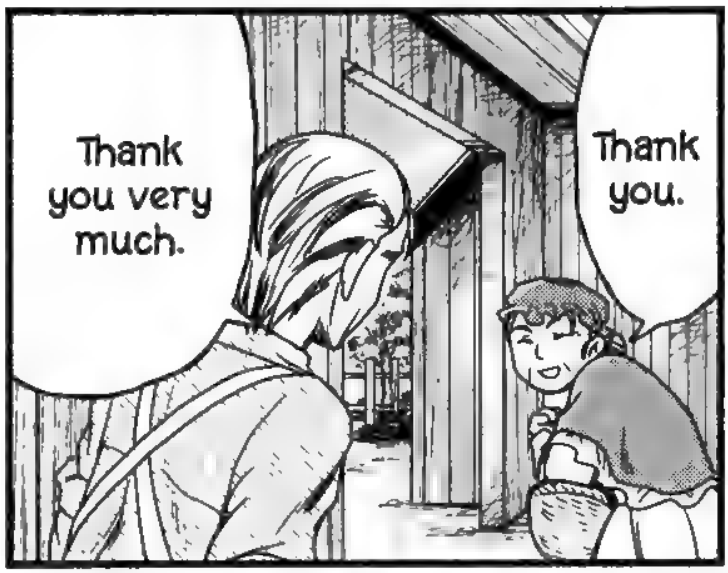
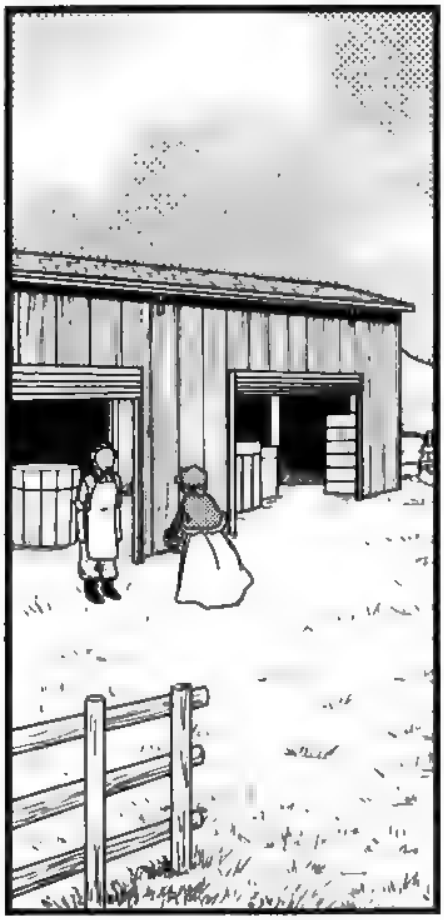
価値
Value

パカラ
CLOP
パカラ
CLOP


Thank you very much.
Thank you.



パカラ
CLOP
ガラ
CLOP

...
SCRITCH
SCRITCH
NEIGH
NEIGH

May I have a taste?
If it's a small piece.
...
We were supposed to work in the same factory.

...
What did you come here for?
POURR
グッ
CLATTER
If I close my factory, can I come back here?
POURR

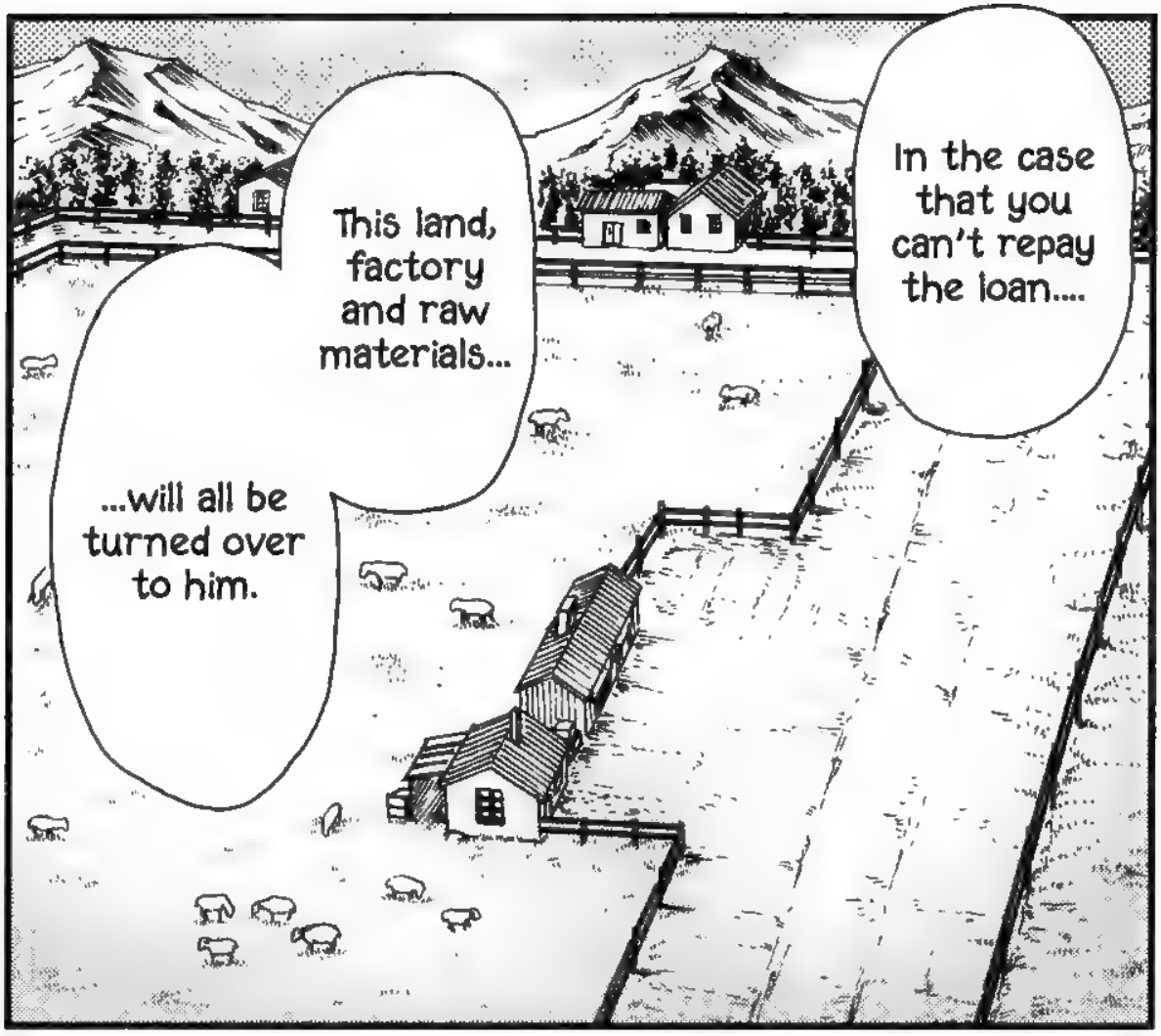
...I'll pay it back by opening a food stall.
As for the loan...
Umf!
THUMP
ゴン
So you came to complain?
Daniel said that...
...if I want to become rich...
The words of a capitalist.
I must think of people as products.
...I must exploit the workers.

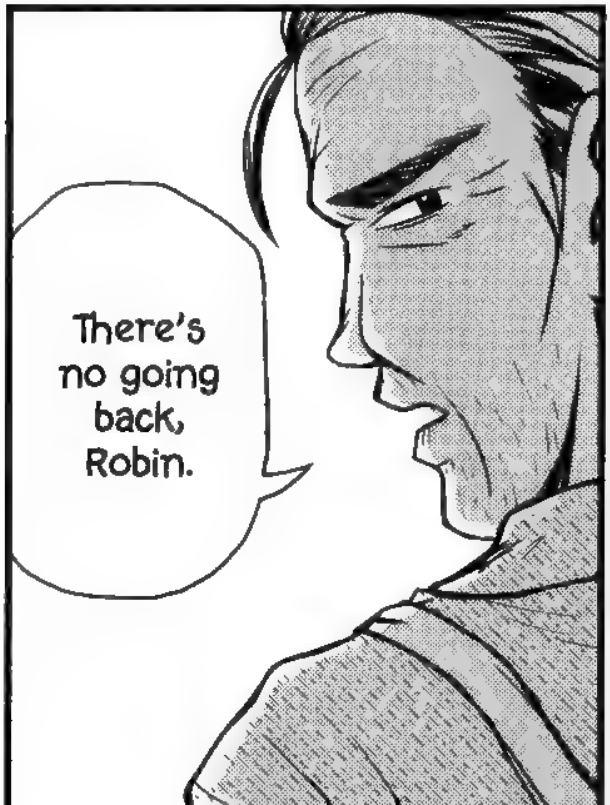
I don't have what it takes to do that.

?
Daniel came here? Why...?

...
He came back a while before. Daniel.

?
He had me sign a contract.

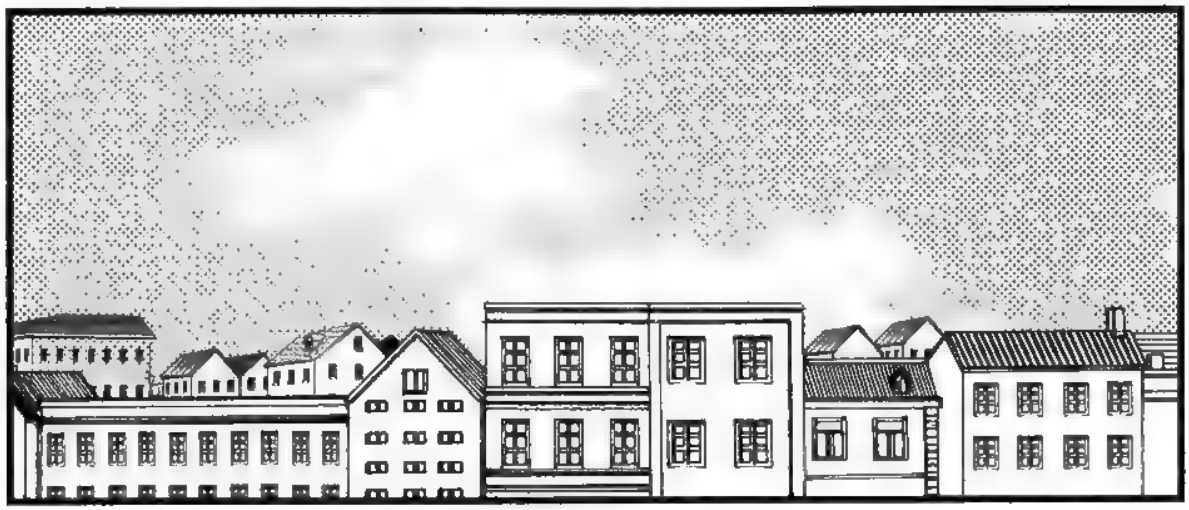

In the case that you can't repay the loan....
This land, factory and raw materials...
...will all be turned over to him.

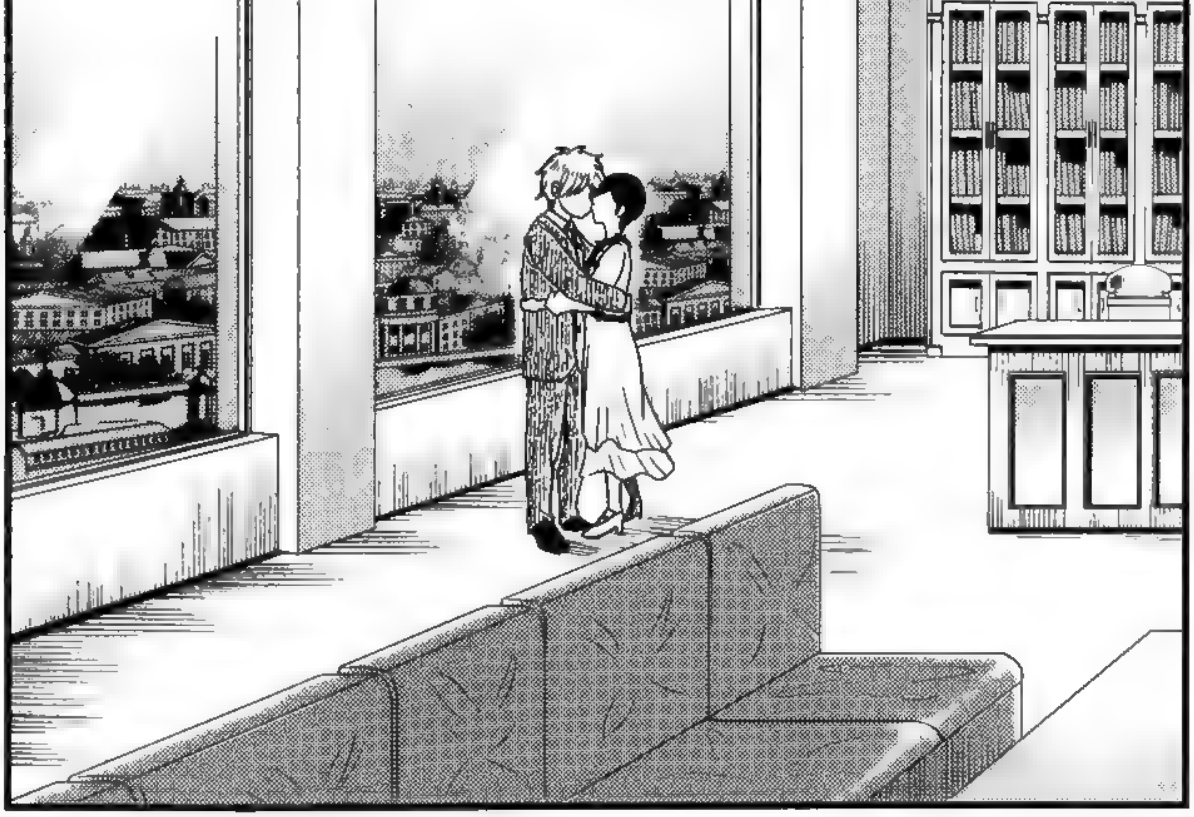

There's no going back, Robin.

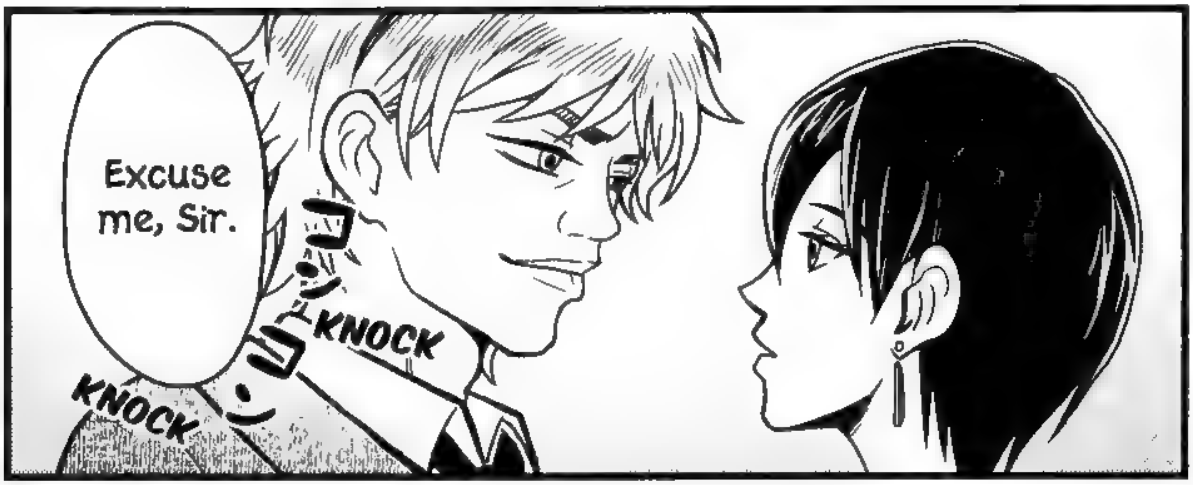
?!

You must return the money by any means necessary.
But you don't have anything to do with...!
My signature acts as an additional guarantee.
...
Wasn't that the agree-ment?
...is the type that is capable of doing anything.
That man...

A person wouldn't normally lend a total stranger so much money.
But...
That's ...!
But! If I opened a food stall...
...the money wouldn't even cover the interest.
The truth is, whether you fail or succeed...
...he would not be at a disadvantage.





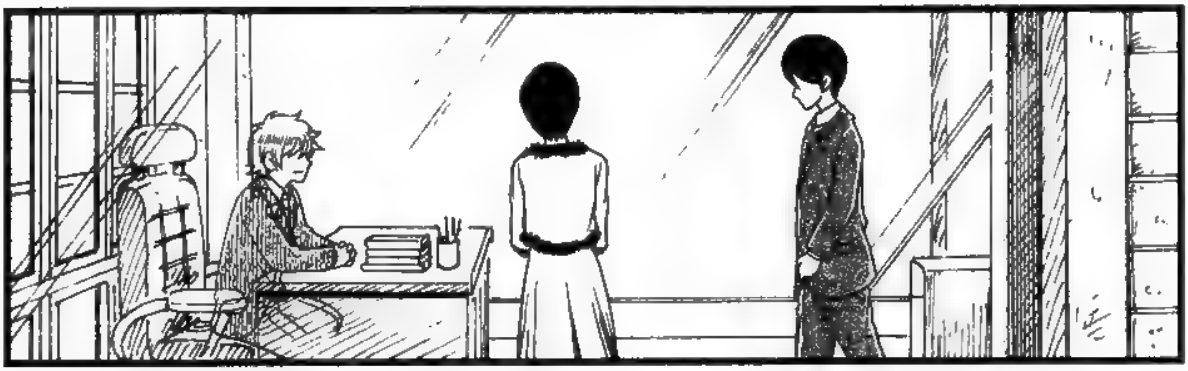

Excuse me, Sir.
KNOCK
KNOCK

There is a man named Robin here to see you.
What is it?

You may go in.
Excuse me.
ガチャ
KA-CHAK

...

That was fast.



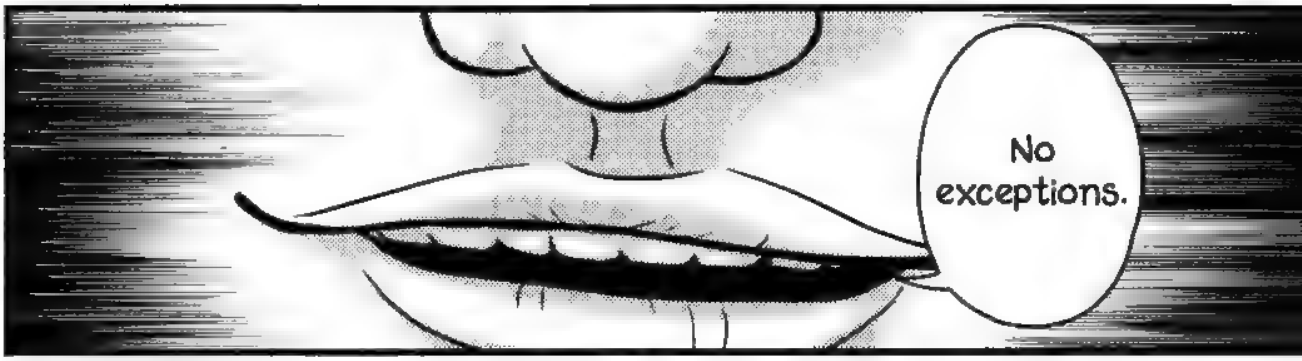
Were you keeping something from me, Daniel?

You had my father sign it.
Hmph.
So you caught on.
That's why I borrowed money to start the factory.
I believed you.
Oh. It? The guaran-tee.
You were planning to rip us off right from the start!
But you even got my father involved!

Looks like I have a bad reputation.
Let's sit and discuss this.
Robin!
This business started because you also wanted it, Robin.
Why are you suddenly bothered by it?
Daniel.
In your eyes...
...I'm also a product, correct?

Product?
...
Now I understand.
You never understood the basic concept.
I invested in you.
So you must show me results.
Should that prove impossible...

It doesn't matter if you want to quit.
But you must pay back the money.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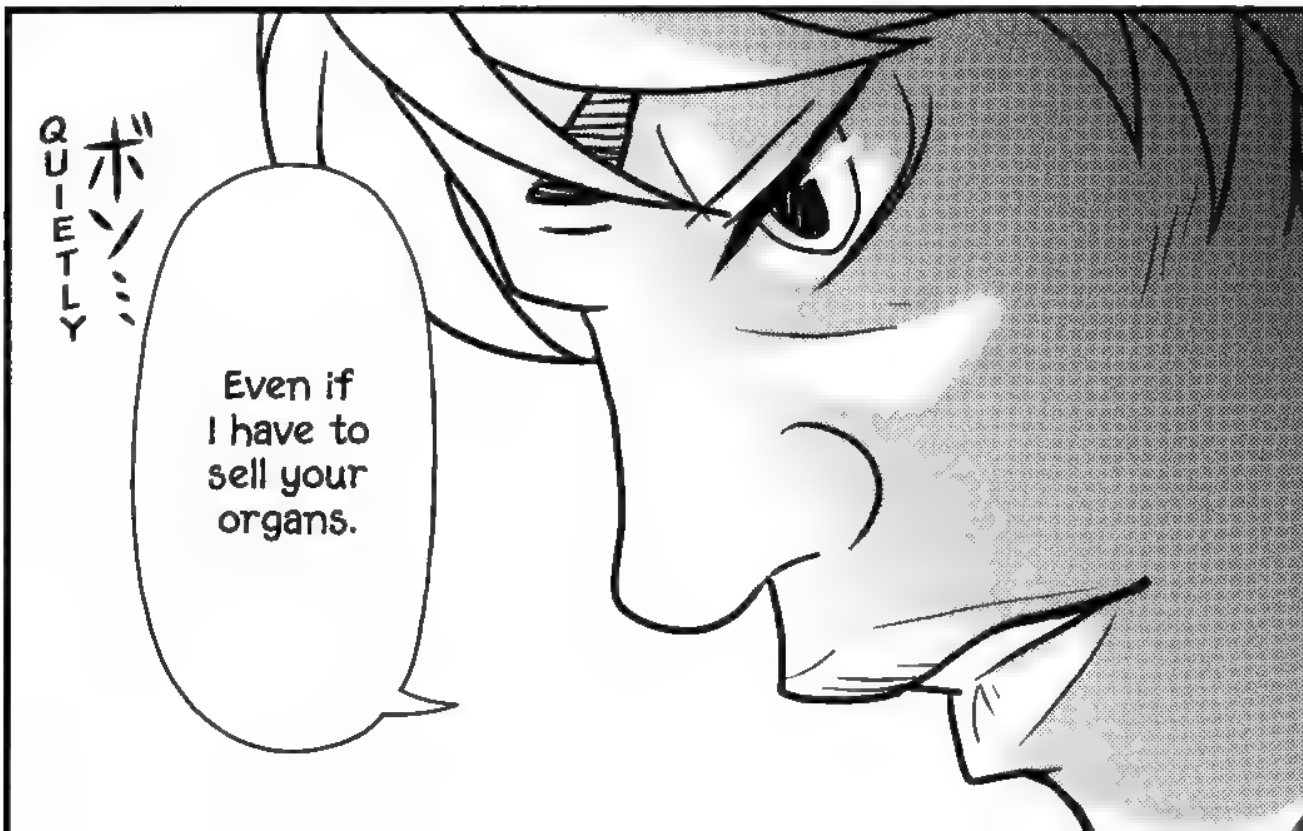
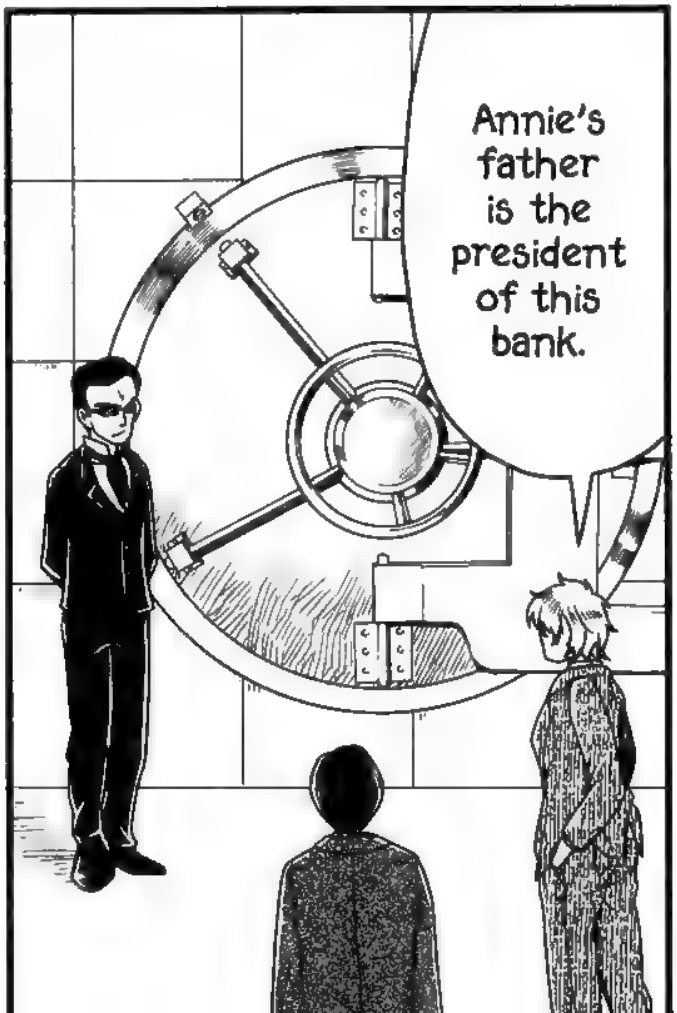
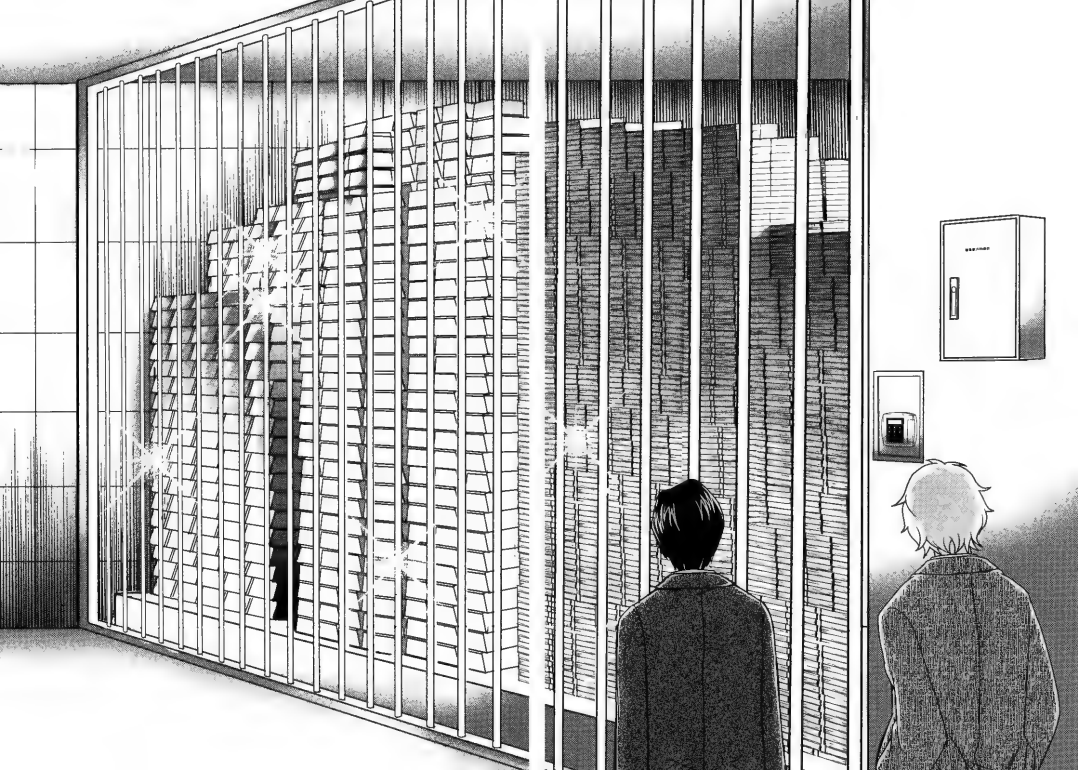

ボソッ
QUIETLY
Even if I have to sell your organs.

?!
I was joking.
But the sentiment is there.
With success comes risk.
Kill or be killed.

I'll support you, Robin!
Ha ha. How nice of you.
Don't you want to become rich?
I wasn't. Well, then. Should I show you?
Geez. Don't make fun of me.
...

CREAK
CREAK
Few have access to this vault.


Annie's father is the president of this bank.



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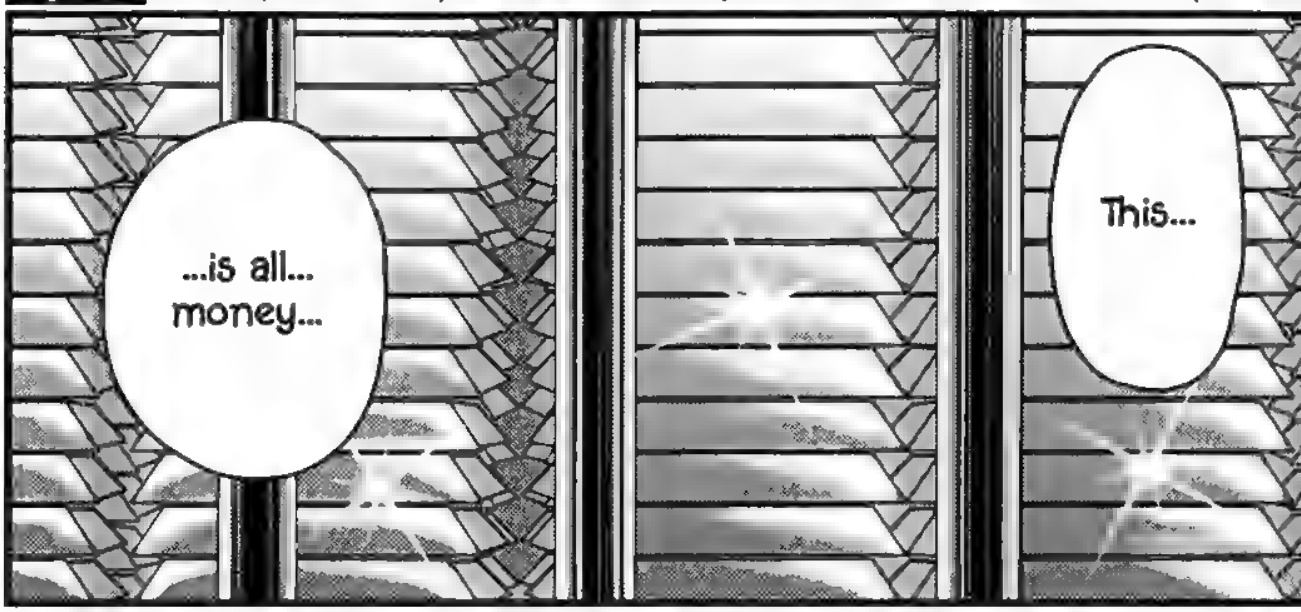
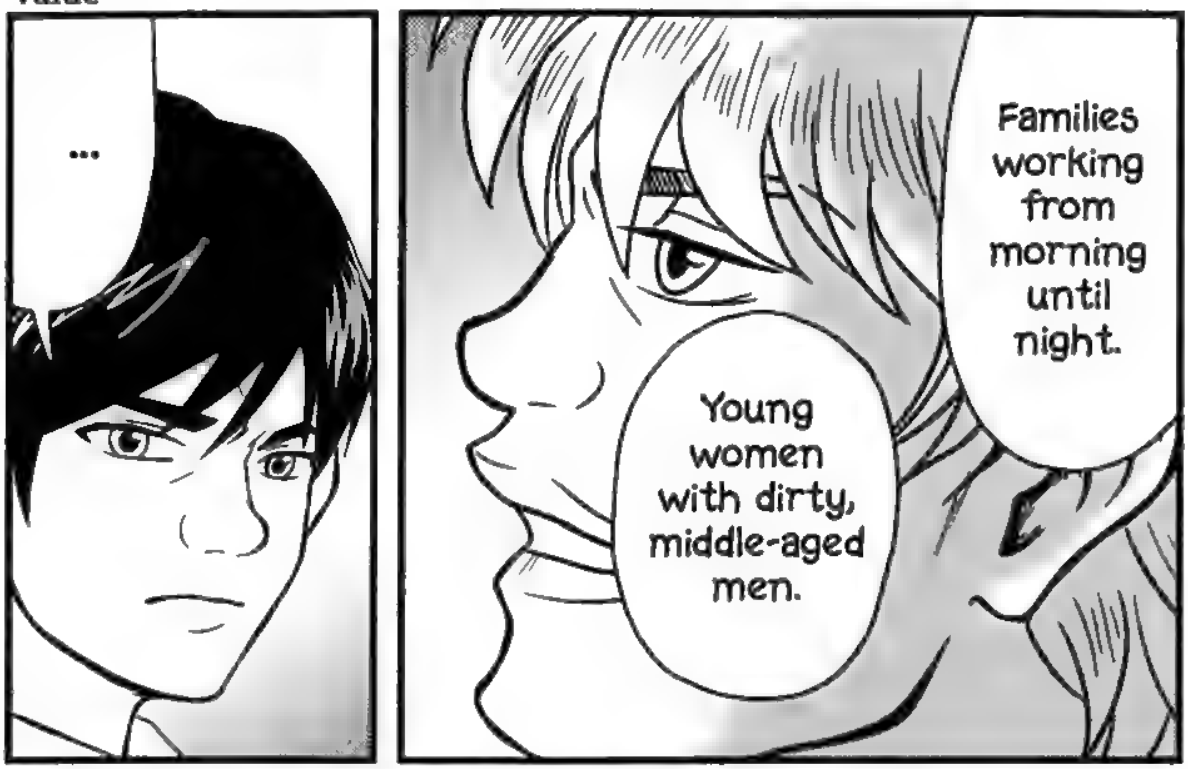
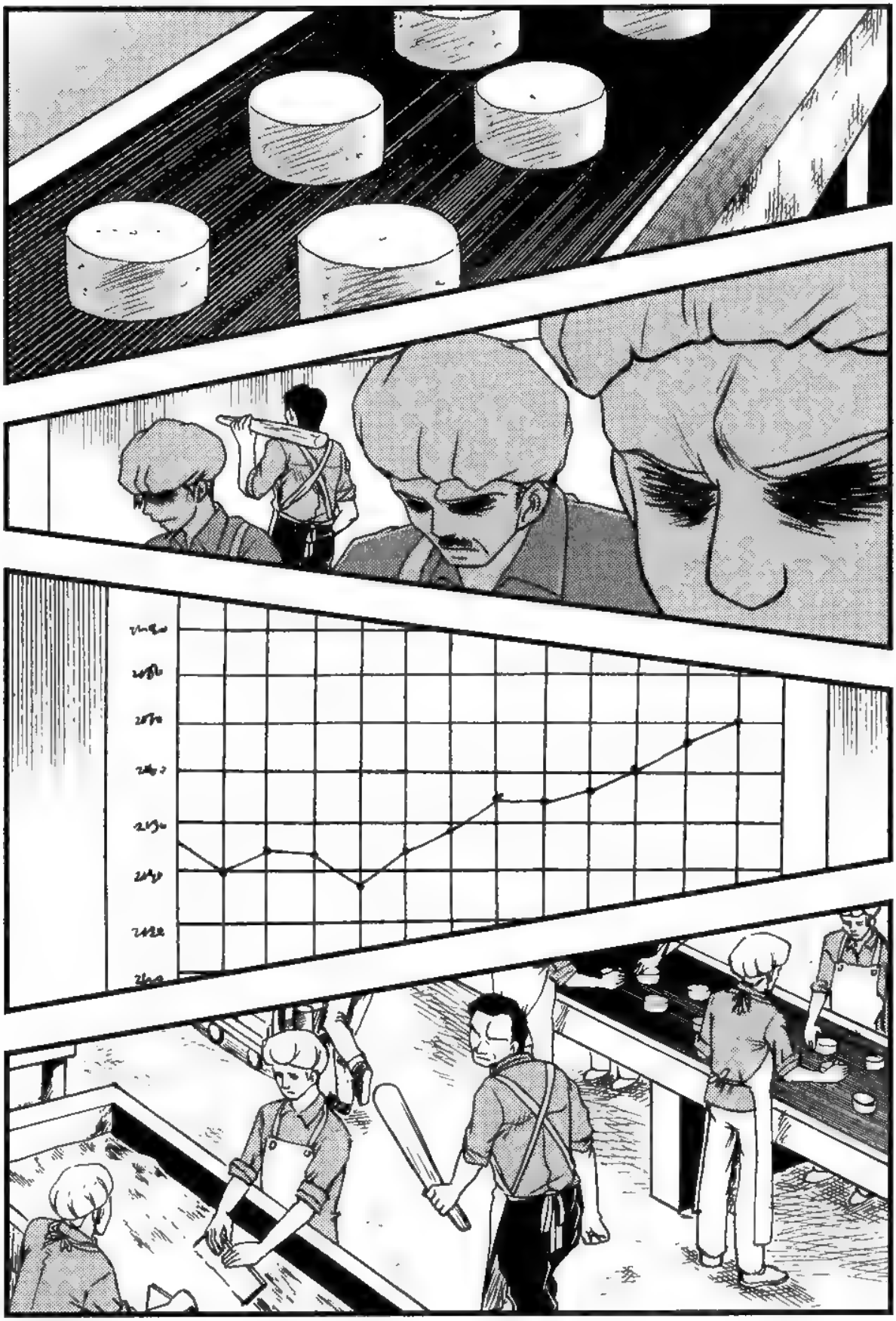


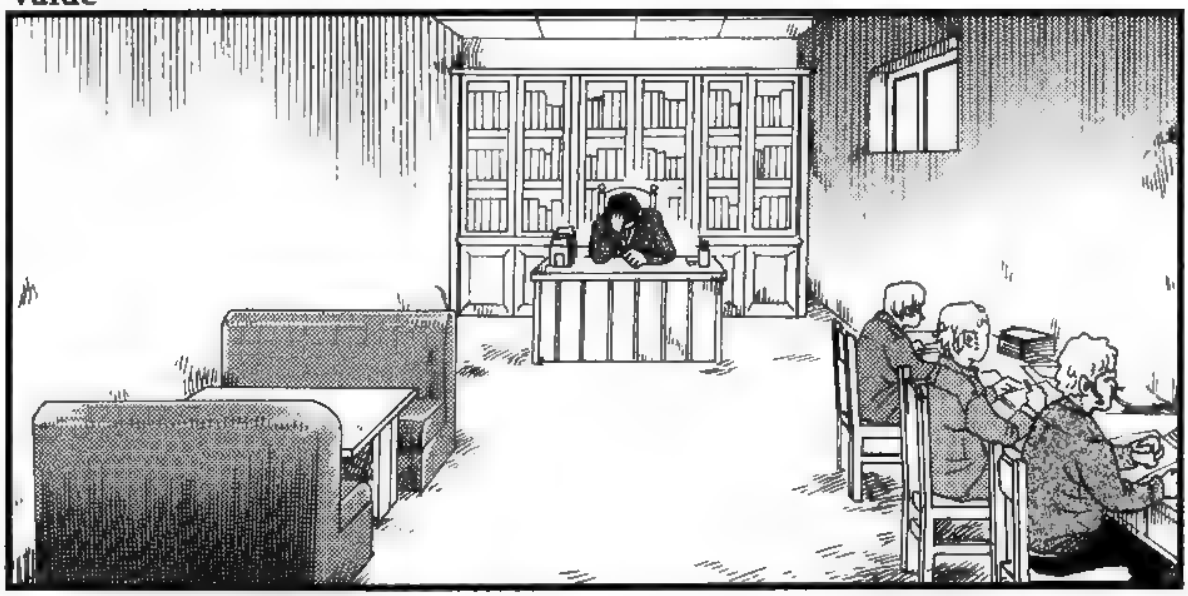

...
Families working from morning until night.
Young women with dirty, middle-aged men.

Killing...
Betraying...
Suffering...

What reason?
Why did *you* want to become rich, Robin?
For what reason?
I...

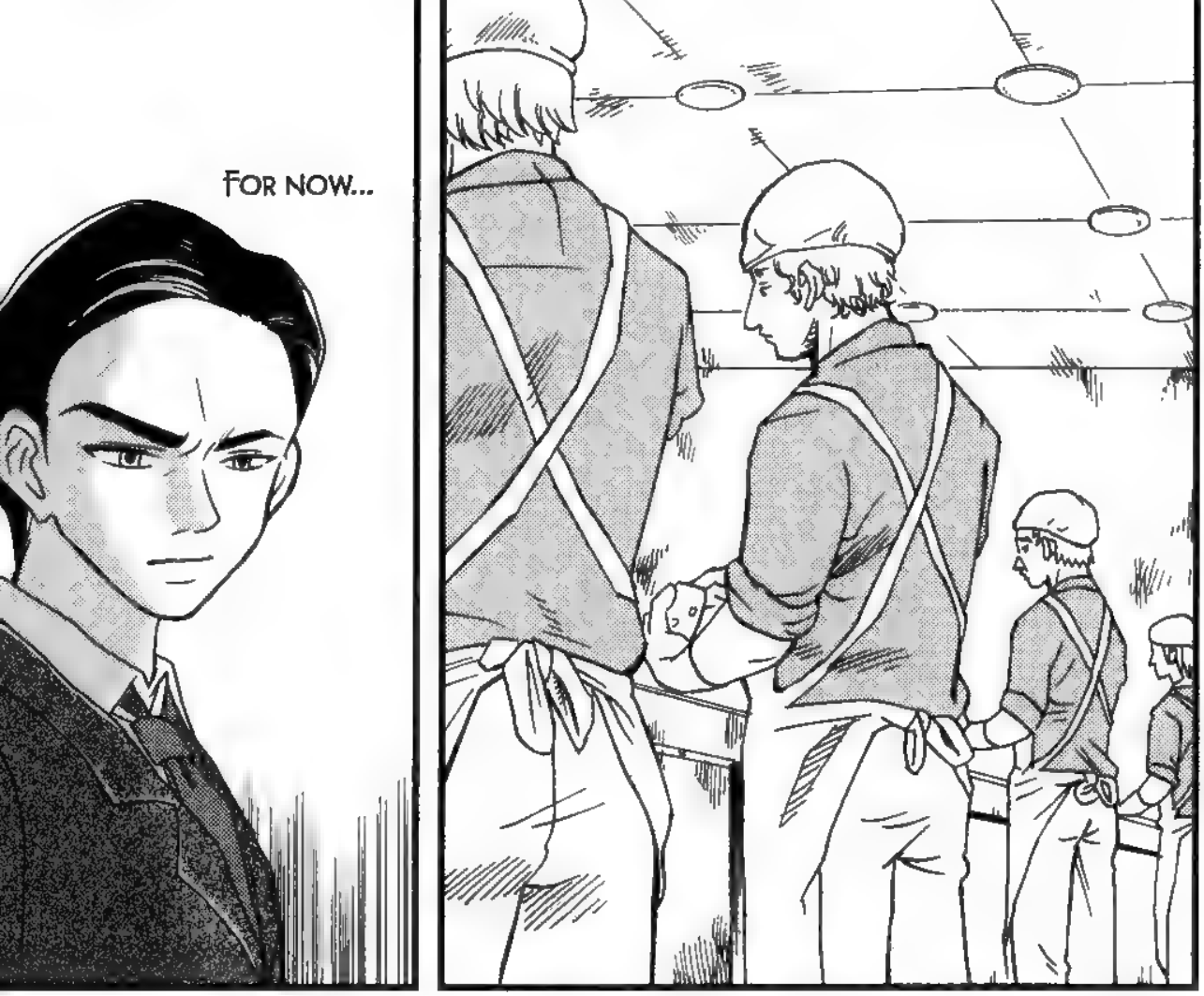
For what reason did I...?





...DID I...?
FOR WHAT REASON...

Work faster!
WHAM
You're too slow!
Don't slack off!
KICK
I WON'T HAND OVER FATHER'S LAND.
NO MATTER WHAT...


FOR NOW...

I need more.
Make them work harder.

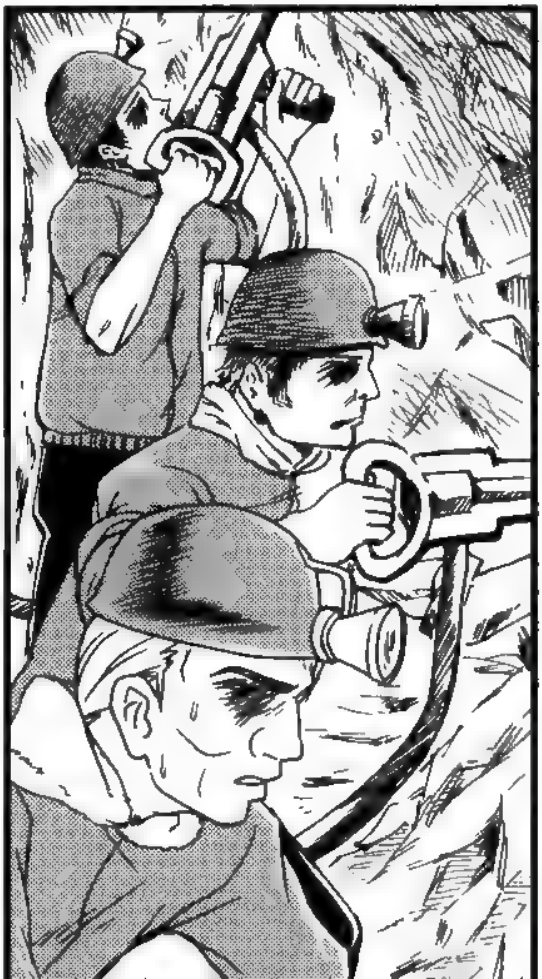
More...

...are not slaves.

We...

We...

...are not slaves.



I...
I...
...am not a slave.

We are not slaves...

We...
...are not slaves!!
...what the capitalists want!
That is...

We work twenty-four hours a day minus a few for rest.
Our existence is only that of labor!

I am not a slave!
A man went home drunk and told his family...

...his wife went to town and sold herself.
Then on that very night...

Even his children work.

Can you even call that a family?

We are not slaves.

A man kneeled down to give the child food during work hours.
A woman carried her exhausted child to and from work.
He was punished for stepping away from his workplace.
For what reason do we all work?
For what reason ...?

For what reason ...?
It's not right.
We're all human.
Y- You're right...

...and die quietly without even a funeral?!
Do you want to become victims of exhausting labor...

TENSE

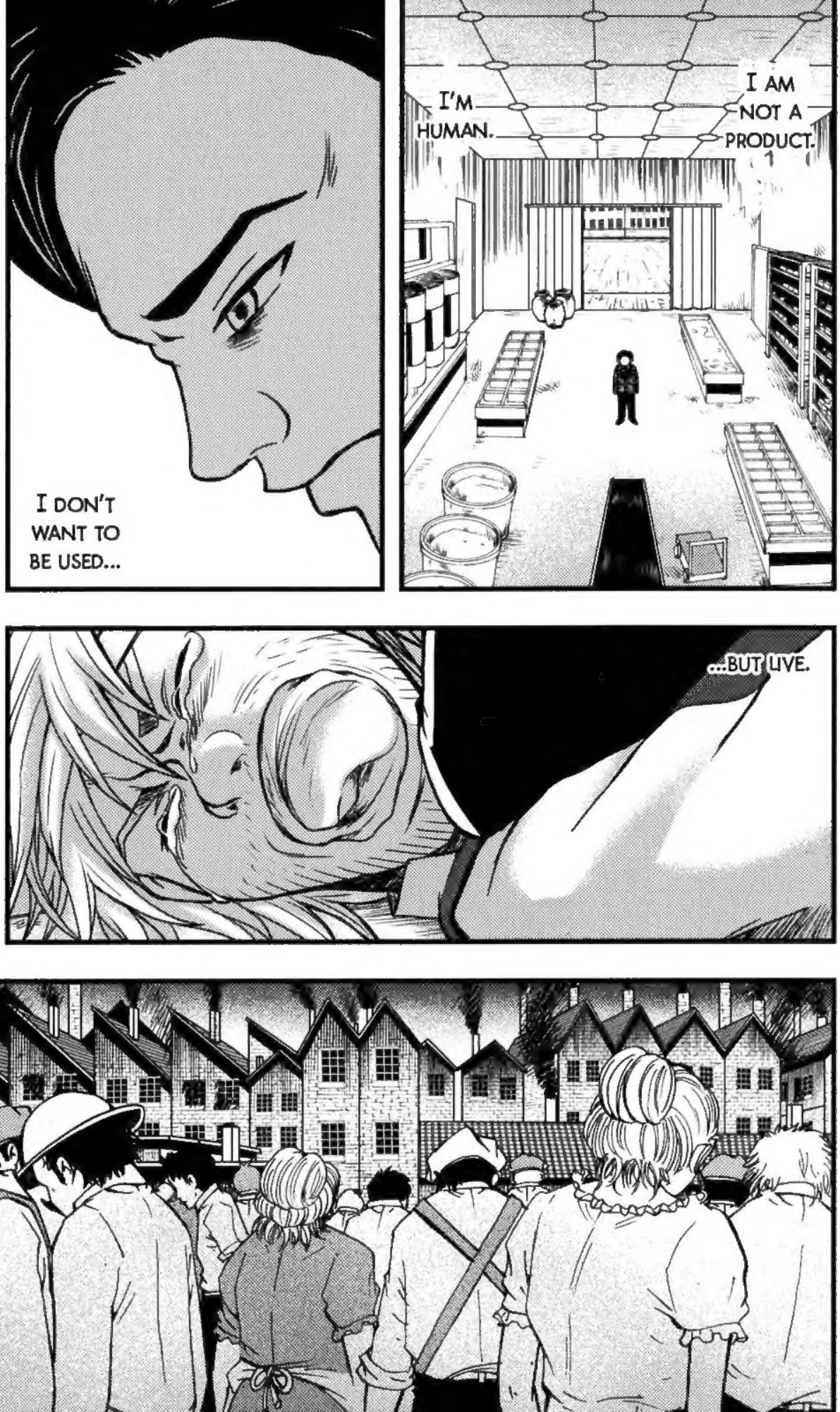
We are not slaves!
He's right. We...
We...
...are not slaves!

You know, Robin. For laborers...
...their only source of income is their labor.
Unfortunately, the labor force...

...can only function as a product...
...in the hands of us buyers.

We draw out their value...
...and use it.

...am being used by you, right?
In the end, even I...
Do your best, Mister Knight.
Heh heh heh.
Break this up!
Go back to work!


I DON'T WANT TO BE USED...
I'M HUMAN.
I AM NOT A PRODUCT.
...BUT LIVE.

We...
...are not slaves.

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